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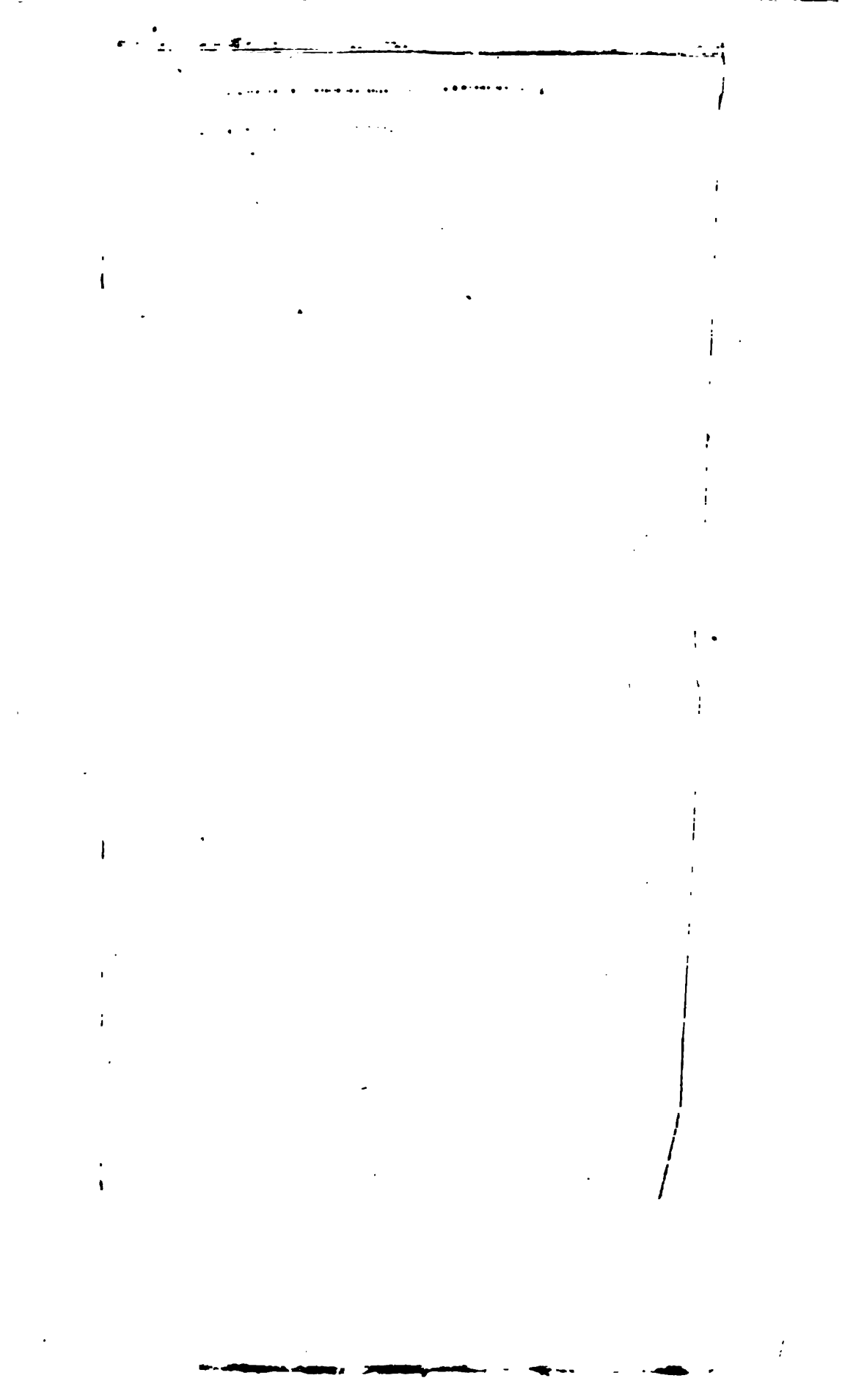
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THE THIRD DIVISION OF THIS COUNTY.

CONTAINING

THE HUNDREDS

OF

BRADEWATER & HITCHIN.

THE Hundreds of Bradewater and Hitchin, Parcel of the Possessions of the Crown, make the third Division of this County; and the Sheriff hath held the Courts for these Hundreds, from time to time, with the County Court at Stebenedge, and accounted yearly in the *Exchequer* for the Profits of them; the Justices of the Peace do generally hold their Privy Sessions, and keep their publick Meetings at the same Place; but their House of Correction for both these Hundreds is in Hitchin. In treating of them severally, I shall begin with the Hundred of Bradewater, for that it is next in Course, and extends from Totteridge in the South to Baldock in the North, which is two and twenty Miles in Length; it is bounded on the North with the Hundred of Odsey, on the East with the Hundreds of Braughing and Hertford, on the South with Middlesex, and on the West with the Hundreds of Calshoe and Hitchin; it is denominated from the Vill of Bradewater, and contains the following Parishes or Hamlets, which are divided between three High Constables, whereof the first has the Parishes and Hamlets of Totteridge, Hatfield, Digswell, Welwyne, Epsot St. Peter, Epsot St. Lawrence; the second Datchworth, Watton, Lacombe, Munden Freetwell, Munden Furball, Keweney, Wenington, Walkerne, and Aston; and the other High Constable has Knebworth, Stebenedge, Almondley Parva, Almondley Magna, Grabeley, Chisfield, Box, Weston, Baldock, Millen, and Leitchworth. In Pursuance to this Method, I shall begin with

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Bradewater*

TOTTERIDGE,

WHICH was denominated by the *Saxons* from the Situation thereof upon the Ridge of an high Hill; it seems that it was waste Ground belonging to the King's Revenue at *Heathfield*; for there is no Mention made of it in *Domesdei Book*, therefore King *Edgar* might convey it as a Member thereof, under the Name of *Heathfield*, unto the Church of *Ely*, which in all Probability, was the Reason it was in old time reputed Part of that Parish; and the same Church did enjoy it until the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, when the Bishop of *Ely* past it away, with the Mannor of *Heathfield*, to Queen *Elizabeth*, in Consideration of an Annuity of 1500*l.* paid yearly out of the *Exchequer* to the Bishops of that See.

That Queen, Anno 32 *Regni sui*, granted it to *John Cage*, as Parcel of the Possessions of the Bishoprick of *Ely*, from whence it came to ——— *Peacock*, from whence it descended to *Richard Peacock*, who married *Rechard*, one of the Daughters of *Michael Grigge*, Alderman of *London*, by whom he had Issue fourteen Children, *Richard, William, Richard, Edward, Michael*, and *Michael, Mary, Anne* married to *Reginald Williams*, *Rechard* married to *Sir William Wilson*, *Elizabeth* deceased, *Dorothy* married to ——— *Walker* of *London*, Merchant, and three other Children; and this *Richard* the Father devised it to

Rechard his Wife and her Heirs; she surviving all her Sons, who died without Issue, sold it to *Sir Paul Whitchote*, who is the present Lord hereof.

Robert Taylor, one of the Tellers in the *Exchequer*, erected a fair House in this Vill, but being indebted to the Crown, this House was extended, and Queen *Elizabeth* sold it to *Hugh Hare*, Esq. one of the Prothonatories in the Court of *Wards*; from whom it came to *John Hare* of *London*, Esq. who married *Margaret* one of the Daughters of *John Crowch* of *Cornbury* in this County, by whom he had Issue

Hugh, who did succeed, and was created Baron of *Colrairie* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*; he married the Lady *Elizabeth* one of the Daughters of *Edward Earl of Manchester*, by whom he had Issue, *Henry, Hugh, John, Charles*, and ——— *Elizabeth* married to *Sir George Fletcher* of *Hutton* in the Forest of *Cambridland*, created Baronet by Patent dated the 19th Day of *February*, 1640, 16 *Car. II.* *Susan* who died single, and *Mary* married to *Brasmus Smith* of *London*, Merchant. He died in 1667, leaving

Henry his Heir, who succeeded, married *Constance* the Daughter and Heir of *Sir Richard Lucy*, of *Worthington* in this County, Baronet, by whom he had Issue *Hugh*; His Arms are *Gules, two Bars Or, and a Chief indented of the same.*

*Guillim's
Heraldry.*

The Tythes of this Vill are paid to the Parson of ~~Wat-~~
~~field~~, who always found a Curate here; yet at the time of
 making the Statute, for Relief of the Poor, and ever since,
 this Vill was reputed a Parish of itself, and the Inhabitants
 were wont to choose Constables, Church-wardens, and Over-
 seers of the Poor, and made Rates which were levied by
 their proper Officers for Relief of the Poor, without pay-
 ing any thing to the Poor of ~~Wat-~~
~~field~~, or joyning them in
 any Assessment with the Town of ~~Wat-~~
~~field~~; and the Church
 of ~~Totteridge~~ have had all parochial Rights, and never con-
 tributed to the Reparation of the Church of ~~Wat-~~
~~field~~; but
 only to their own Church, and to the Relief of their own
 Poor.

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 Bradwater*

*Stat. 43 Eliz.
 Trin. 10 Car. I
 Cro. rep. 3.
 fol. 374, 385.
 Rot. 222.*

CURATES of ~~Totteridge~~ Church.

1597 William Stanton	1670 Robert Parre
1606 Nevill Drane	1675 Bowes Macla
1619 Josias Morison	1679 George White
1646 William Tutty	1685 Robert Davison
1661 Winceslaus Lebanus	1690 Matthew Breacles.

The Church or Chapel is situated on the Hill near the middle of the Vill, containing the Nave or Body of the Church, covered with Tyle, with an Erection of Wood adjoining the West End, wherein hang three Bells, with a short Spire of Wood.

In the Church are these Inscriptions.

D. O. M.

Johannes Hare, armiger, Londini natus Charissima et Equestris Familia in Agro Suff. ingenti Ætate in Societatem Nobilium studiosorum Legum hujus Regni Municipatum Templi Interioris admissus; In profectioni in numerum Assessorum Domus ejusdem cooptatus fuit vir pius et prudens Patriæ ob singulares virtutes eumdem Charus Curis Pupillarum (vulgo Wardorum et Liberationum) Protonotarii munere solertissima et intergerime diu per functus est rei autem familiaris erat certe satis amplæ ampliori tamen dignissime habebatur. Quisq; ejus Domus non solum familiaribus et amicis verum etiam ejus alii modo conditionis esset honestioris inter Hospitii Cujusdam liberini semper potuit Fide an Fama celebrior nescias inter lites foro Domi extra lites Tranquillissime senuit. Talis tantusq; vir ad omniaq; optima essent natus ad meliora moriturus 8 Kalend. Junii Anno Domini Jesu 1618 Ingenti suorum Reiq; publicæ Damno et Dolore obdormivit.

Vixit anno 67. MCDXXI.

Margareta piensissima et merentissima Conjug tam Chari heu sorti matrimonii superates hoc amores et pietatis Monumentum Charissimo Marito sibi; et ipsorum posteris sacrauit.

Under this Pew lieth interred the Body of Richard Turner, Esq; of this Parish, who departed this Life the 20th of May, 1676. Ætat. 66.

Hic requiescit corpus Annæ, Roberti, et Mariæ Raworth, filii unius qu. anni Infantis Charissime quam Deus Opt. max. sanctorum Infantium amantissimus inter Parentum Lachrimas et Curas, ad se revocavit, 18 die Junii anno Domini 1688.

In Memory of Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, late Wife of Mr. William Taylor, Merchant, and Daughter of Richard Turner, Esq; and Dorothy his Wife, of this Parish; who deceased the 7th day of December, 1678, and lies interred under the two Seats adjoining. Ætat. 20.

Here Youth and Vertue, Grace and Beauty met,
 Rose like the morning Sun, but quickly set,
 In nine months space her Nuptial Race she run,
 Then God exchang'd; took her, and gave a Son,

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Bradewater*



Death soon on Earth her marriage knot unty'd
That she might live with Christ a lovely Bride;
Who will not lose one Atome of her Dust;
But (rais'd in Glory) placed with the Just.

Under the same Pews lie also interred the Body of Mrs. Susanna Turner, Daughter of the said Richard Turner, and Dorothy his Wife, who deceased the 14th of July, 1672. Etat. 15. and 10 Months.

Now take thy Rest dear Soul in thy cold Bed,
For (tho' to Heaven thy precious Soul be fled)
Thou shalt not here as one neglected lye,
But be preserv'd by Gods most watchful Eye;
Wait but a while, that thou mayst be refin'd
And thou shalt rise and leave thy dross behind,
Grace made Thee lovely and admired by all,
And sure since Grace adorn'd thee, Glory shall.

Nigh to this place resteth in hopes of a glorious Resurrection, the Body of *Andrew Campion*, Master of Arts, and sometime Vicar of *Edinburgh*, in the County of *Bucks*; He died the 29th day of *January* 1677, aged 42 Years.

And also the Body of *Anne*, his beloved Wife, by whom he had Issue, eight Sons and four Daughters. She died the 27th day of *August* 1682, aged 39 Years.

Under this Stone lye the Bodies of four of their Children, *Andrew, Cornelius, Elizabeth* and *Diana*, who died soon after their Father.

Also the Body of *Robert*, their Eldest Son, who died the 13th of *September* 1691, in the 27th Year of his Age.

HEATHFIELD or HATFIELD.

*Bede, lib. 4,
cap. 17.*

WHEN *Eutyches* disturbed the Faith of the Church in *Constantinople*, by his Heresie, *Theodore* Archbishop of *Canterbury* desirous to preserve the English Churches from that Contagion, called a Synod of venerable Bishops and learned Men in this Town, which the *Saxons* term'd *Heathfield*, from the Situation upon an Hill, and the Barrenness of the Soil.

*Syelm. Con.
lib. 1, fol. 164.*

This Synod was held on the 15th Day of the Kalends of *October*, in the tenth Year of *Egfrid*, King of the *Nor-thumbers*, the sixth Year of *Ethelred* King of the *Mertians*, the seventeenth Year of *Advulfe*, King of the *East Angles*, and the seventeenth Year of *Lothaire*, King of *Bent*; where *Theodore* by the Grace of God, Archbishop of the *British Isles* and City of *Canterbury*, presided, and *Saxvulfe* formerly an Abbot, *Adrian* the Legate, *Putta* Bishop of *Rochester*, *Waldhere* Bishop of *London*, *Cuthbald*, an Abbot, *John* Arch-Cantor of *St. Peter's* and Abbot of *St. Martin's* were present.

They unanimously declared the true and orthodox Faith, in such Manner as Christ deliver'd it to his Disciples, who saw him and heard his Words, as it is contained in the Simbol of the Holy Fathers, and as all Saints, universal Synods, and the Quire of all the learned Men of the Cathedral Church generally deliver'd it, and following the

Doctrine of those faithful Guides divinely inspired, they unanimously believed and professed according to the holy Fathers, in truth and propriety of Speech; confessing the Father and Son, the Trinity consubstantial in Unity, and Unity in Trinity, that is one God in three Subsistences or Persons, consubstantial, of equal Glory and Honour; and after many other Speeches to the like effect, this holy Synod added this Profession.

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Bradwater*

They received the five holy Universal Synods, one held at *Nicea* against *Arius* and his Opinions, another at *Constantinople* against *Macedonius* and *Eudoxius*, another at *Ephesus* against *Nestorius*, another at *Calcedon* against *Eutyches* and *Nestorius*, and another at *Constantinople* against *Theodorus*, *Theodoret*, and the Epistles of *Ibas*, and their Opinions against *Cyrill*, and confirmed the Synod held at *Rome* under Pope *Martin*, in the ninth Year of the Emperor *Constantine*.

Moreover, King *Etheldred* in the same Synod, ratified and confirmed whatsoever Gifts his Brethren *Penda* and *Wolfe*, and his Sisters *Kinneburgh* and *Kineswith* had given, and by Will conferred on St. *Peter* and this Abbot, and declared his Pleasure, that their Anniversary Days shall be commemorated for the good of their and his Souls: and he gave to St. *Peter* and his Church of *Medeshamsted*, the Lands called *Bredune*, *Herpingas*, *Cedenat*, &c. and the Appurtenances, with the same Liberty as he possess them, forbidding his Successors to prejudice this Gift in any thing; and if any Person shall injure the same, he prayed that the *Anathema* of the Pope and all other Bishops, may fall upon him.

The Saxon Kings possess this Vill, until King *Edgar* bestowed it on the Monks of *Ely*, and enobled that Church with such fair Priviledges and large Revenues, that it did seem to equal any Church in *England*; and in the Reign of *William* the Conqueror, it was recorded thus in *Domesdei Book*,

Terra Abbatis de Ely.

In Bradwater Hundred. Abbas de Ely ten. Bettelle, pro xl Hid. se defendebat. Terra est xxx car. in Dom. xx Hid. et ibi sunt li car. et tres adhuc possunt fieri, ibi Presbiter cum xviii Vill. et xviii Bord. habent. xx car. et adhuc v car. possunt fieri ibi xii cotar. et sex Servi, et iv Molin. de xlvii sol. et iv den. prat. x car. pastur. ad pec. Silva 2000 porc. et de consuetud. Silve et Pastur. x sol. in totis valent valet, et valuit xxv lib. T.R.E. xxx lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Domino Ecclesie Ely.

The Land of the Abbot of Ely.

The Abbot of *Ely* held *Bettelle* in the Hundred of *Bradwater*; it was rated at forty Hides, the arable is thirty Carucates, in Demesne twenty Hides, and there are two Carucates, and now three more may be made; there is a Parson with eighteen Villains and eighteen Bordars, having twenty Carucates, and now five more may be made; there are twelve Cottagers, six Servants, and four Mills of seven and forty Shillings and four Pence Rent by the Year, Meadow ten Carucates, Common of Pas-

*Head. of
Bradstreet*



ture for the Cattle, Wood to feed two thousand Hogs, and of the Rent of the Wood and Pasture, ten Shillings a Year. In the whole Value it is worth and was worth five and twenty Pounds a Year; in the time of King Edward (the Confessor,) thirty Pounds a Year. This Mannor did lye and now doth lye in the Jurisdiction of the Church of Ely.

*Quo Warr.
6 Edw. I.
Rot. 36, cur.
recept. Bacc.*

The Abbots held this Church, until such time that King H. I. converted this Monastery into a Bishoprick, and then the Bishops held it; among whom, *Hugh* Bishop of Ely, upon a *Quo Warranto* brought before *John de Reygate*, and other Justices Itinerants at *Berthford*, Anno 6 Edw. I. claimed by the Grants of King *Edgar*, *Edward* the Confessor, *William* the Conqueror, *Henry I.* *Richard I.* *John*, and *Henry III.* Free-warren, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangthef, and Ham-sokne, Gritbruge, and all Forfeitures inflicted upon their Tenants, in their Lands or Fees, and was eased from all Matters and Return of Writs, Prison, Gallows, and Tumbrel, Chattels of Felons, with divers large Priviledges there specified in all their Lands; and he and all his Men, were quit from the Payment of Toll through all the Kingdom of England, in buying or selling of Passage Geld, Danegeld, and of the common Forfeitures in Shires and Hundreds, and all Amercements upon all his Tenants and Men in all his Fees and Lands by the Collection of his Bailiffs, to be allowed in the Court of *Exchequer*, and of all Fines imposed upon them before the Justices Itinerants, the Chattels of Felons, Fugitives, and condemned Persons; and upon the View of the Grants these Priviledges were allowed.

*Fuller's Wor-
thine, tit.
Herta.*

William, second Son to King *Edw. III.* and *Philippa* his Wife, took his Christian Name from his Grandfather *William*, Earl of *Penault*, and his Sirname from this Town of *Whitfield*, which was the Place of his Birth, where he was born Anno 1335.

*Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 979.*

When King *Henry VIII.* died, the Earl of *Berthford* came with divers other Lords to this Place, where King *Edward VI.* was kept and educated; they conveyed him from hence with a great Number of the Nobility and Gentry, to the Tower of London, in Order to his Coronation. And at the time of Queen *Mary's* Death, Queen *Elizabeth* resided in this Palace, from whence she was removed on Wednesday the 23d of November, to the Charter-house in London, where she lodged in the Lord *North's* House, and the great Multitude of People that met her in her Passage thither, did by their Words and Countenance, express the great Joy of the Kingdom, that she was advanced to the Crown.

*Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 1170.*

*Fuller's Wor-
thine, tit.
Herta.*

The Bishop of Ely sold this Mannor, with those of *Little Hadam* and *Etelshall* in this County, to this Queen. Anno 4 Jac. I. a Court of Survey was held for this Mannor, where it was found, that by the Custom, there is a Leet or View of Franco-pledge held on Tuesday in the Week of *Pentecost*;

and the Lord hath, and of Right ought to have all Estrays, Goods and Chattels of Felons, Fugitives, outlaw'd Persons, Waifes, and all other Royalties; and that the Fines assessed upon the Admissions of all Copyhold and Customary Tenants are at the Will of the Lord.

The Year following, King *James* exchanged this Mannor with Sir *Robert Cecil*, Kt. for *Theobalds* in the Parish of *Cheshunt*, in this County, who was made Anno 38 *Eliz.* one of the Queen's principal Secretaries of State; constituted Master of the Court of *Wards* Anno 41 *Eliz.*; created Lord *Cecil* of *Sissingdon*, in the County of *Rutland*, at the Tower of *London*, on the 3d of *May*, An. 1 *Jac. I.*; confirmed in his Office of Master of the *Wards* on the 13th of *Aug.* following; created Viscount *Cranbourn* in the County of *Dorset*, at *Whitehall*, on the 20th of *August*, 2 *Jac. I.* and was the first of that Degree that wore a Coronet. Afterward advanced to the Dignity of Earl of *Salisbury* the 4th of *May*, Anno 8 *Jac. I.* at *Greenwich*; made Lord Treasurer of *England* 4th of *May*, 6 *Jac. I.*; installed Knight of the most noble Order of the *Garter*, and elected Chancellor of the University of *Cambridge*.

The Instalment of this Earl, gives me Occasion to enquire into the Original and Cause of the Order of the *Garter*.

King *Edw. III.* engaged in War for the Recovery of his Right to the Crown of *France*, had great Occasion for the stoutest and most famous Soldiers of that Age, to that Purpose he restored King *Arthur's* Table at *Winchester*, which he exhibited with magnificent Hastitudes and general Justs, that he might draw the most brave and active Spirits to his Court; and to encourage the Design, he granted Letters of safe Conduct to all those who were desirous to try their Valour at those solemn Justs, which he appointed to be held at *Winchester*, on Monday next after the Feast of *St. Hillary*, in the Year 1344, that he might discover the Courage and Ability of those who were most gallant and active in the Exercise of Arms: By this Means he drew hither the prime Spirits for martial Valour, from several Parts beyond the Seas, and gained the Opportunity of engaging them on his Side in the ensuing War.

This induced *Philip de Valois*, King of *France*, to practice the like Course at his Court, by which Means he prevented the Knights and valiant Men of Arms, that lived near *Italy* and *Almania*, from coming hither, and brought them to his own Court in *France*.

When that King had thus countermined his Design, he resolved upon a more particular and select Expedient to oblige those warlike Men, whom he thought most fit to associate to himself in a firm Bond of Friendship and Honor; to that Intent he instituted this noble Order, and gave the *Garter*,

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Bradewater

Supervia
Manden de
Hatfield, 4
Jac. I.

Bar. vol. 3,
fol. 407.
Pat. 38 *Eliz.*
p. 11.
Pat. 41 *Eliz.*
Pat. 1 *Jac. I.*

Ashmole of
the *Garter*.

*Hind. of
Bradstair*



which was the Signal at that fortunate Battle fought at *Cressy*, where he obtained a great Victory, about three Years after the Erection of the round Table at *Windsor*, and made it the chief Ensign of the Order for the Symbol of Unity and Society, from whence that select Number was thus incorporated into a Fraternity, and are now termed Knights of the *Garter*.

*Stat. of the
Order.
Ashmole of
the Garter,
fol. 1g7.*

Which Order was instituted in the 23d Year of King *Edward III.* and the Queen, attended with three hundred of the fairest Ladies, adorned with all imaginable Gallantry, to make the Solemnity more glorious; where all the chief Knights and Esquires appeared, that were desirous to shew their military Prowess and Valour in all Feats of Arms, and the publick Exercises proper for the Place and Occasion.

*Ibid. 203,
203, 208, 211,
215, 220, 220.*

The King did assign the *Garter, Mantle, Surcoat, and Hood*, for the Distinction of this Order, and King *Henry VIII.* did add the *George* and the *Collar* for the greater Glory thereof. But I shall forbear to say more of this Order, since Mr. *Ashmole* has treated so largely of it in his learned Piece of the *Garter*, to which I refer the Reader. But to return to this noble Lord.

He married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *William Brooke*, Lord *Cobham*, by whom he had Issue *William*, and *Frances* married to *Henry Lord Clifford*, then Son and Heir apparent to *Francis Earl of Cumberland*. He erected a stately Building in this Mannor, which is a fair Pallace, that exceeds all the Houses in this County, and two large Parkes, one for fallow, the other for red Deer, with a Vineyard at the Bottom of the Park; died at *Marlborough*, on Sunday the 24th of *May, Anno Dom. 1612, 10 Jac. I.* and was buried in this Parish Church.

Earl *William* succeeded, was installed Knight of the most noble Order of the *Garter*, made *Custos Rotulorum*, and Lord Lieutenant of the Militia in this County; he married *Katharine*, the youngest Daughter of *Thomas Howard*, Earl of *Suffolk*, by whom he had Issue seven Sons, *James* who died young, *Charles, Robert, Philip, William, Algernon*, and *Edward*; and five Daughters, *Anne* Wife of *Algernon*, Earl of *Northumberland*, *Elizabeth* married to *William Earl of Devon*, *Diana*, who died single; *Katharine* married to *Philip Lord Tisle*, Son and Heir apparent to *Robert Earl of Leicester*, and *Mary* married to *William Lord Chandos*.

Charles, after the Death of *James* his elder Brother, married *Jane* Daughter and Coheir to *James Maxwell*, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to King *Charles I.* afterwards made Earl of *Beriton* in *Scotland*; by whom he had Issue seven Sons, *James* who succeeded his Grandfather *Robert, Charles, William, Edward, Henry*, and *George*

which six last died unmarried. He had also five Daughters, *Katharine* married to the Earl of *Renoult* in Scotland, *Frances* married to Sir *William Bowyer*, Baronet, *Diana*, *Penelope*, and *Elizabeth*, which three last died young; at length *Charles* died in the Life-time of Earl *William* his Father, who also died the 3d of *December*, Anno Dom. 1668, and was buried in this Parish Church.

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Bradstreet

Radley

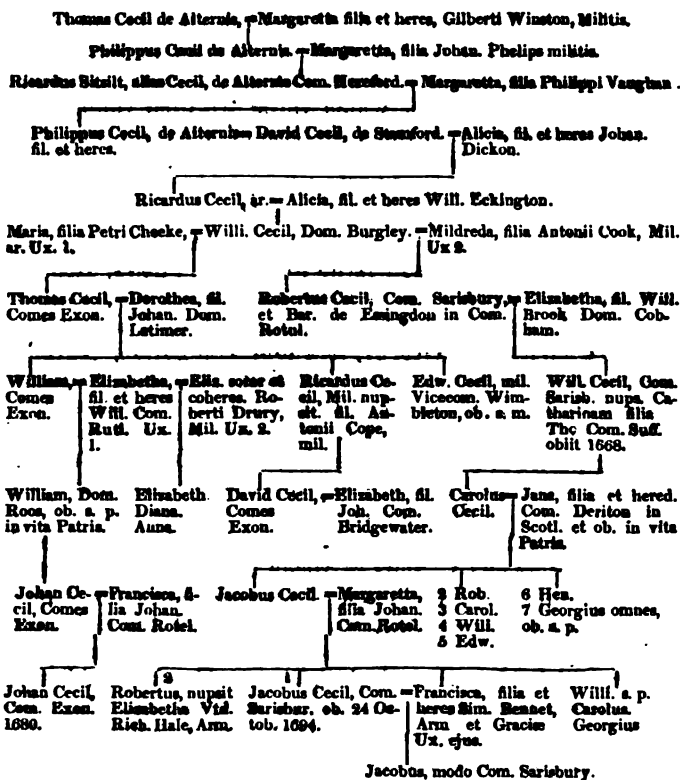
James his Grandson, inherited his Honours and Estate, married *Margaret* one of the Daughters to *John* Earl of *Rutland*, by whom he had Issue four Sons, *James*, *Robert* married to *Elizabeth* the Widow and Relict of *Richard Hale*, of *King's Walden* in this County, Esq. *William* deceased, *Charles*, and *George*, and four Daughters, *Katharine* married to Sir *George Downing*, Baronet, *Frances* married to Sir *William Hawford*, Baronet, *Mary* married to Sir *William Forester*, Kt. *Margaret* married to *John* Lord *Stowel*, and *Mildred* married to Sir *Uvidal Corbet*, Baronet. He died the — day of — Anno 168—, and was buried in this Parish.

James his eldest Son succeeded, married *Frances*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Simon Bennet* of *Blickington* in the County of *Buckingham*, Esq. and *Grace* his Wife; then travelled into *France*, where he beheld the Splendor and Glory of that Court; from whence he proceeded to *Rome*, and having viewed the pleasant Country of *Italy*, he returned back again by *France* to *England*, where he gave large Testimonies of his Duty and Loyalty to King *James II.* When the Prince of *Orange* obtained the Crown, this Earl was committed to the *Tower of London* for High Treason, where he was confined for the Space of almost two Years; then obtained his Liberty, and died seized hereof, on the 24th Day of *October*, 1694; leaving Issue *James* his only Son and Heir, about three Years old at the time of his Death, who is the present Lord of this Mannor. His Arms are *Barry of ten, Argent and Azure, over all six Escutcheons Sable, each charged with a Lyon rampant of the first, with a Crescent for Difference.*

Dale's Exact
Cust. of Nob.

THE HISTORICAL ANTIQUITIES

*Head of
Bassingburne*



The Mannor of WOOD-HALL in HATFIELD.

SO called from the great Abundance of Wood and Timber that grew there; it was Parcel of the Possessions of the ancient Family of the *Bassingburns*, who held it of the Mannor of *Hatfield*, by the Service of half a Knight's Fee, Suit of Court, and the yearly Rent of two Pence: Upon an Inquisition the Jury found, that *John de Bassingburne* died the 5th of *Edw. I.* seized of two Messuages, three ploughed Lands, eight Acres of Meadow, forty Acres of Wood, besides twenty Acres of Land, twenty Shillings Rent, in *Bishops Hatfield*, for which *Beatrice* the Wife of *William Kinneby*, brought an Assize against *Agnes* the Wife of *John Bassingburne*, who called to Warranty *Jeoffry de Mogbrow* which she held of the said *Jeoffry* to the Value of 8c. and *Jeoffry* in Mercy of 8c.

John de Bassingburne was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 32 *Edw. I.* also for the last half of the Year 34 *Edw. I.* from whom this Mannor came to

5 Ed. 1. Rot.
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cept. Scac.

Rot. Pip. 32
Ed. 1. tit.
Hert. & Essex

John de Bassingburne, who was Sheriff of this County and ~~Essex~~ Anno 45 *Edw.* III. He also served this County in two Parliaments, one held Anno 46 *Edw.* III. the other at Westminster, in the Year 47 *Edw.* III. This Mannor continued in this Name till it came to

*Hand. of
Deane*
*Rot. Pip. 45
Ed. III. tit.
Herta & Essex
Prim's Part.
Brev. pt. 3.*

John Bassingburne, who left Issue two Daughters, *Audry* married to *Thomas Gaudy*, Serjeant at Law, — married to *Michael Hare*, Son to Sir *Nicholas Hare* of ~~Strugard~~, in the County of ~~Suffolk~~, Kt. Master of the Rolls, and Clerk of the Pells in the *Exchequer*; But upon the Partition this Mannor fell to the Lot of

Audry the Wife of *Thomas Gaudy*, who was possess hereof in the time of Queen *Mary*, she levied a Fine hereof, and his Free-Warren Anno 3 and 4 *P. and M.* to the Use of the said *Thomas Gaudy* and his Heirs; but afterwards he sold it to

Sir *John Boteler*, Kt. who held it in the time of Queen *Elizabeth*, and married *Grisil* Daughter and Heir of Sir *William Roche* of ~~Lanmet~~, one of the Aldermen and Lord Mayor of the City of London, Anno 1540, by whom he had Issue, Sir *Philip Boteler*, Sir *Henry Boteler*, *William*, *Richard*, *Nicholas*, and *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Henry Conishby* Kt. *Mary* to *Thomas Shotbolt*, *Sarah* to *Robert Colt*, *Susan* to *Julius Ferrers*, *Margaret* to *Nicholas Bristow*, and *Martha* to Sir *George Penent*, afterwards he gave this Mannor to

*Stow's Surv.
of London,
p. 582.*

Sir *Henry Boteler* his second Son, who was knighted I *Jac.* I. and married *Katharine* Daughter of *Robert Waller* of ~~Wadley~~, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Henry*, *Edward*, *Ralph*, and *George*, and three Daughters, *Katharine* married to Sir *John Brown*, of ~~Essex~~, *Elizabeth* to Sir *Anthony Chester* of ~~Bucks~~, Baronet, and *Mary* to *John Lynn*; after the Decease of *Katharine* his Wife, he married *Alice* the Daughter of *Edward Pulter* of ~~Stradfield~~, Esq. and he conveyed this Mannor to the Use of himself for Life, the Remainder to the Heirs Males of his Body.

John his eldest Son succeeded, was knighted Anno 1 *Jac.* I. and constituted Sheriff of this County; the same Year he married *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of Sir *George Villiers* of ~~Brokersby~~ in the County of ~~Leicester~~, and eldest Sister to *George* Duke of ~~Buckingham~~, was created Baronet by Letters Patents, dated 12 April, An. Dom. 1620, 18 *Jac.* I. advanced to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm, by the Title of Lord *Boteler* of ~~Stradfield~~, by Letters Patents, dated the 20th of September, 4 *Car.* I. He had Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife six Sons, *John*, *Henry*, *Philip*, *Francis*, *John*, and *William*, all whom died without Issue; and six Daughters, *Audry* married to Sir *Francis Anderson*, Kt. afterwards to *Francis Leigh*, Lord ~~Bunsuatt~~,

*Rot. Pip. 1
Jac. I. tit.
Herta.*

*Hund. of
Headwaters*

after that Earl of ~~Chichester~~, *Helen* married to Sir *John Drake* of *Ash* in the County of *Deben*, Kt. *Jane* married to *James Ley*, Earl of *Marlborough*, Lord Treasurer of *England*, and after his Decease to ——— *Ashburnham*, one of the Grooms of the Bed Chamber to King *Charles I.* *Olive* married to *Endimion Porter*, another of the Grooms of the Bed Chamber to the said King, *Mary* married to *Edward Lord Howard* of *Escrick*, and *Anne* married to *Mountjoy Blount* Earl of *Newport*, and Master of the Ordnance, and after him to *Thomas* Earl of *Portland*; He departed this Life at his Lodgings in *St. Martins* in the Fields, within the Liberties of *Westminster*, the 27th Day of *May*, 1637, 13 Car. I. was buried at *Higham Gobion*, in the County of *Bedford*, leaving

William, his only Son that survived him, who succeeded in his Barony, as also this Mannor, and dying without Issue the Barony extinguished, but this Mannor came, as I suppose, by Force of the former Settlement to

Sir Frances Boteler the eldest Son of *Ralph Boteler*, of *Cetoyne-hall*, and *Susan* his Wife, Daughter of *Frances Saunders*, and the fourth Son of *Sir Henry Boteler*: He was a Person who had served his Majesty in *Ireland* under the Command of that great and eminent Lord *Thomas* Earl of *Stratford*, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, where he had been exercised in martial Affairs, and for his good Service King *Charles I.* conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon him at *Dork*; on the first Day of *May*, 1642; he was a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant for this County, and served for the Borough of *Berthford*, in the Parliament held at *Westminster*, 1 Jac. II. He married *Anne* Daughter of ——— *Cokaine* in the County of *Derby*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *George* who died at twelve Years of Age; and two Daughters, *Julian*, married to *Francis Shalcross* of *Diginsworth*, Esq. and *Arabella* married to *Charles Hutchinson*, in the County of *Nottingham*, Esq. and after the Decease of his first Wife, he married *Elizabeth Tudor*, Sister of *Fulk Tudor*, D.D. and Rector of *Cetwine* and *Strebenedge* in this County: this *Sir Francis* died the 9th of *October*, 1690; after whose Decease this Mannor came to the Possession of

Julian Shalcross, Widow, the present Lady hereof.

He was somewhat tall in Stature, spare in Body, neat in Habit, and comely in Person, very obliging to his Lady, and most affectionate to his Children; he was grave in his Deportment, yet pleasant in his Aspect; he was very modest in his Speaking, and free from all Pride and Ostentation; he was endowed with some Competency of Learning and good Elocution: he was Master of great Reason and Understanding, and qualified with a vast Memory, and a

great Presence of Mind, so that he could *ex tempore*, reduce a long Speech delivered in Confusion, under proper Heads, in good Language and excellent Method; his Manner of Delivery was very graceful, without any Affectation; he was very impartial in all his Acts of Justice, and would not be biassed by any; he was always very loyal to the King, and very zealous for the Service of the Church, which he daily frequented during his Residence in London, where he generally spent the Winter Part of the Year when Age grew upon him; he was well skilled in the Discipline of Military Affairs, and reputed an excellent Soldier; he always kept a genteel Table, treated his Neighbours with great Courtesy, assisted his Friends with much Willingness upon all Occasions, and relieved the Poor with great Cheerfulness, yet would reprimand those that commonly used the Trade of Begging.

*Hand. of
Bodleian*

The Mannor of PUNSBORNE

BORROWS its Name from the Situation hereof in a low Bottom, and was Parcel of the Possessions of *John Fortescue*; in the time of *Henry VI.* he was a Person of a fair Estate, for I find him enrolled *Anno 12 Hen. VI.* among those Gentleman who could spend 10*l.* *per Ann.* in this County. From him this Mannor descended to

*MSS. Offic.
Armorum.*

John Fortescue, who was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, *Anno 1481*, 22 *Edw. IV.* afterwards knighted and served the Office of Sheriff again for the same Counties, in the Year 1486, 1 *Hen. VII.* He died, leaving Issue

John Fortescue, who held this Mannor 9 *Hen. VIII.* of the King, by Knight's Service; what Estate he had in it, it, the Jury knew not, but found that

Reg. 9 H. VIII

Henry Fortescue was his Son and Heir, and at full Age at the Death of his Father; but afterwards it was conveyed to the Crown, where it remained for any thing that I can find, till Queen *Elizabeth* granted it to

*Cur. Supervia
Man. de Hat-
field.*

Sir *Henry Cock*, by the Name of *Puneshorne*, alias *Puneshorne*, alias *Paysborne*, to hold of the Queen in *Capite*, by the Service of the two hundredth Part of a Knight's Fee, and was valued by the Year in all Issues above Reprizes 12*l.* increased above the Schedule thereunto annexed 4*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* He devised the Mannors of *Punshorne*, *Werkhamsted* *Parba*, *Maystord*, and *Essington* to Sir *Robert Oxenbridge* and *Edward Casone*, their Executors and Assigns, to have immediately after the Death of Sir *Henry Cock*, for the Term of ten Years in Trust, that they should employ the clear Profits of the same, above all necessary Prizes, to such Person and Persons, and to such Use as the said Sir *Henry Cock*, by his last Will and Testament in

*Hand. of
Bradstreet*

Writing or Schedule, should appoint, with a Power of Revocation upon the Payment of twelve; and by another Indenture of Covenants, to stand seized for continuing all the Premises so let in the Blood of Sir *Henry Cock*; they conveyed all the same Mannors to the Use of him the said Sir *Henry Cock* and his Wife, for the Term of their Lives, and the longer Liver of them; the Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of Sir *Henry Cock* lawfully begotten; the Remainder to Sir *Edmond Lucy*, for Term of his Life; the Remainder to Sir *Edmond*, and the Heirs Males of his Body lawfully begotten, with divers other Remainders in Tail; the Remainder to the right Heirs of Sir *Henry Cock* for ever. He died seized of this Mannor, leaving *Frances* married to Sir *Edmond Lucy*, and *Elizabeth* to *Robert West*, Son and Heir apparent to the Lord *Delaware*, and after him to Sir *Robert Oxenbridge*, who were his Daughters and Coheirs; and upon the Partition, this Mannor came to *Frances* his eldest Daughter, then married to Sir *Edmond Lucy*, by whom she had only Issue,

Elizabeth, who married Sir *John Ferrers*, Kt. one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber to Queen *Elizabeth*, King *James I.* and after to King *Charles I.* whereby he became Lord hereof in Right of his Wife, and died the 17th Day of November, 1640.

Afterwards it was sold to *Stephen Ewre*, and *Joshua Lomax*, who granted it to *Richard Woollaston* of *Gray's Inn*, Esq.; he and *John Woollaston* his Son aliened it to

Paris Slaughter, Citizen and Factor of *Blackwell Hall* in London, who repaired and beautified the House, and died seiz'd hereof, 1698, leaving Issue *Paris*, who is his Son and Heir, and the present Lord hereof.

The Mannors of POPES and HOLBEACH

WAS Parcel of the Mannor of *Essendon*, and sold to *Holbeach*; after to *Pope*, from both whom it was denominated to preserve the Names and Memory of those Owners; afterwards it came to *William Stahworth*, from whom it descended to *John* his Son, who had Issue *William*; he had *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *Jane*; but *John* dying without Issue, it came to his two Sisters, *Elizabeth* and *Jane*.

Elizabeth married *Richard Hall*, by whom she had Issue *Edmond Hall*, which *Edmond* had *Elizabeth* and *Alice*.

Elizabeth married *Lawrence Woodhall*, by whom she had Issue *Foult* and *Alice*. The other Sister married *John ap Jenkin*, who sold their Part to one *Bellamy*.

But to return to the other Moiety of this Mannor, which came to *Jane*, the younger Sister and Coheir to *John Stahworth* her Brother; she married *Charles Blount*, who had Issue *George* and *Margaret*; but *George* dying without

Issue, his Part came to his Sister *Margaret*; she married *Thomas Woodhall*, who sold this Moiety to *Foulk Woodhall*; he possesseth three Parts of this Mannor, joyned with *Bellamy*, who had the other fourth Part, and sold it to *William Tooke*, Esq. Auditor General of her Majesty's Court of Wards and Liveries, who had nine Sons and three Daughters. Upon his Decease, these Mannors came to

*Head of
Woodhall*

Walter Tooke, his Son and Heir, who had Issue *Ralph*, *George*, and *Thomas*; then sold his Part in the Mannor of *Essendon*, to *William Earl of Salisbury*, but the Mannor of *Peper* descended to

Ralph, who was his Heir, and dying without Issue, it came to

George, who married *Margery* the Daughter of *Thomas Conisby*, Esq. but having no Issue by her, he gave it to her for Life; after her Decease, it came to

Thomas the younger Brother of *George*, who held it a while, and in the Year 1664, sold it to

Stephen Ewre and *Joshua Lomax*, Esq. who aliened it the next Year to

Daniel Shutterden of *Eltham* in the County of *Kent*, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff of this County, An. 1689, 1 *Will. et Mariae*. He sold it to ——— who is the present Lord hereof.

*Ref. Pp.
1689. tit.
Herts*

The Mannor of ASTWICK

WAS anciently Parcel of the Revenues of the *Bassingburns*; afterwards it came to the Possession of the *Hares*, and 'twas found that *Michael Hare*, Anno 4 Jac. I. held this Mannor late the *Bassingburns*, by free Deed of the King, as of his Mannor of *Wattfield*, by the Service of half a Knight's Fee, and the yearly Rent of 2*d*.

*Cur. Supervia
Man. de Hat-
feld Regis et
Episcopi.*

William Granwild possesseth it about the Year 1638, sold it to

Dios, an Ironmonger in *London*. Upon his Decease it descended to

John Dios his Son and Heir, who aliened it to Sir *Henry Tulse*, Kt. one of the Aldermen and late Lord Mayor of the City of *London*; and upon his Decease, it descended to

Elizabeth Tulse his Daughter and sole Heir, who married Sir *Richard Onslow*, Baronet, who is the present Lord hereof; he has Jurisdiction of a Court Baron within this Mannor, where none can take Surrenders from any Customary Tenants of their Copyhold Lands, but by the Hands of the Lord or the Steward.

The Mannor of SYMONDS HIDE.

THIS Mannor was in the Possession of *Simon Fitz Ade*, who was Lord hereof Anno 1239, 28 H. III. He had Issue by *Fine* his Wife,

*Hund. of
Bradwater*

John Fitz Symon, who was knighted, received his Sir-name from his Father, and died seiz'd hereof, leaving

Hugh Fitz Symon, who inherited it, obtained the same Honor of Knighthood, enjoyed this Mannor, and at his Death left Issue

Richard Fitz Symon, who succeeded, was installed Knight of the Garter, Anno 24 *Edw. III.* held it some time, and died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

Adam Fitz Symonds, who married *Margaret*, Daughter of the Lord *Audley*, by whom he had Issue

Hugh Fitz Symonds, who succeeded his Father in this Mannor, and at the time of his Death,

Edward Fitz Symonds, who was his Son and Heir, possess it, was dubb'd a Knight. It came to

Nicholas Fitz Symonds, who was his Brother and Heir, succeeded him, but leaving only

Elizabeth, she was his Daughter and Heir, and married *William Ash*, Esq. by whom she had Issue

Elizabeth, who was her Heir, and married Sir *Thomas Brocket*, in whose Right he enjoy'd this Mannor, and in his Name it continu'd till it came to

Sir *John Brocket*, who married *Helen* Daughter and Heir of Sir *Robert Lytton* of *Knethworth-platt* in this County, by whom he had Issue *Margaret* married to Sir *John Cutts*; *Anne* married to *Alexander Cave* of *Waggrave*; *Helen* married to *Richard Spencer*, Esq. *Elizabeth* to *George Carlton*, and *Mary* to *Thomas Read*. After the Decease of this *Helen*, he married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Coheir to — *Moore*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *Frances*, who married the Lord *North*; these were his Daughters and Coheirs, and this Mannor fell to the Lot of *Helen* the Wife of *Richard Spencer*, the fourth Son of Sir *John Spencer* of *Althorp* in the County of *Northampton*, who was knighted; and it past from him as I shall shew in the Mannor of *Osley*, to Sir *John Spencer*, the present Lord hereof.

The Mannors of HOLDWELL and LUDWICK.

*Cur. Supervia.
Man. de Hat-
field Regis et
Episcopi.*

'T WAS found Anno 4 *Jac. I.* that Sir *Humphry Wild*, Kt. held the Mannor of *Ludwick*, with the Appurtenances, by free Deed of the Lord of the Mannor of *Hatfield*, by the Service of the fourth Part of a Knight's Fee, to hold of the King, as of his Mannor aforesaid, rendring therefore and for the Mannor of *Holdwell*, 8s. 8d. per An. Suit of Court, &c.

BROCKET HALL

WAS the ancient Seat of the *Brockets*, situated upon a dry Hill in a fair Park, well wooded and greatly timber'd, enclosed with a brick Wall on the West Side of the Road, for the Length of a Mile, and plentifully water'd with the River *Ita*. It came to

Thomas Read, by the Marriage of *Mary* the fifth Daughter of *Sir John Brocket*, Kt. who had Issue

*Hund. of
Bradewater*

John, to whom this Seat descended upon the Death of his Father; he was created Baronet by Patent dated the 16th of *March*, Anno 1641, and was constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 1655, 7 *Car.* II. he married *Susan*, the Daughter of *Sir Thomas Stiles*, by whom he had Issue *James*, and *Mary* since married to *Sir John Bucknall* of *Bedford* in this County, Kt. lately elected to serve for *Middlesex* in this present Parliament, Anno 1697; and this *Sir John Read* died Anno 1696, leaving

James his Heir, married to ——— one of the Daughters and Coheirs of ——— *Dring* of *Chistleworth* in the County of *Middlesex*; he was constituted Sheriff for this County, An. 1693, 5 *W. & M.* and is the present Possessor hereof.

THE Rectory in Anno 26 *Hen. VIII.* was valued in the King's Books, at 26*l.* 2*s.* per Annum, whereof the Earls of *Salisbury*, Lords of the Manor of *Bedford*, have been Patrons.

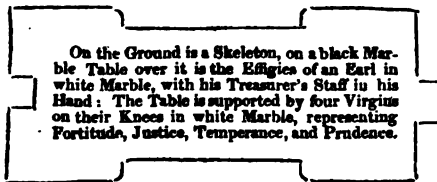
THE RECTORS.

Richard Lee, D. D.

Thomas Fuller, D. D.

This Church is erected near the Town, in the Deanery of *Bedford*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, after the Form of a Cross, with one Isle covered with Tyle and ceiled within, but the Cross is covered with Lead: There is a Gallery near the Steeple, and a fair Tower at the West End, where-in hangs a Ring of five large Bells; the Tower is covered with Lead, having a short Spire erected upon it.

There is a Chapel adjoining the North Side of the Chancel, erected by *Robert Earl of Salisbury*, in which is a fair Monument, made after this manner.



In the Chancel lies a fair Marble within the Rails that enclose the Communion Table, thus inscribed.

Here lyes the Body of *Sir Francis Boteler*, late of *Bedford Hall* in this Parish, descended from the Right Noble House of the *Botelers*, Barons of *Overleap* *Bedford* and *Subley*; Knighted by King *Charles I.* at *Dork.* May the first 1642. His first Wife was Dame *Anne Cokaine*, of the ancient and Honourable Family of the *Cokaines*, of *Bedborne* of *Berkshire*, where she is Interred; by whom he had a Son, that died Young, and two Daughters, *Julia* and *Isabella*. He departed this Life, October 9th, anno 1690.

In the 80th Year of his Age, in hope of a joyful Resurrection.

At the North End of the Rails lies another Stone which has this Inscription.

Here lyeth Interred the Body of Dame *Elizabeth Boteler*, late Wife to *Sir Francis Boteler* of *Bedford Hall* in the County of *Hertford*, who departed this Life the 30th day of *April*, anno Dom. 168—.

Hand of
Bradewater

Another Stone shews this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of *Francis Boteler*, Grandson and Heir to that Gentleman of most worthy honoured Memory, Sir *Francis Boteler*, late of *Bedfield Woodhall*, Kt. who departed this Life in the 18th year of his Age, the 13th day of January, 1693. And when God please, the Body of *Julia*, his afflicted Mother, Relict of *Francis Shallcrosse* of *Bedworth* in this County, Esq; one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *Francis Boteler*, Kt.

Another Stone is thus Inscribed.

Falcon Slow, Arm. nuper summas Cur. Parliamenti Pronotarius quatuor languescens morbo 6 Idum Aug. an. reperi. Salus 1602, Etat. sua 88. Idumentum hoc mortale Humo immortalem Animam Deo Intima Charitatum, visera amicis commendavit et cui posuere hoc Monumentum memoria et Amoris ergo conjunctionis familiaritate Consanguinitas Reginaldus Scriven et Charissima Conjux Elizabetha.

On the other Side of the Altar, a Stone has this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Sir *Henry Godyer*, who descended of *Anne*, Aunt to the worthy Family in the County of *Bedfordshire*, with *Damaris* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to *John Rumball*, Gent. who lived together in chaste Wedlock 53 Years, by whom he had Issue, seven Sons and seven Daughters, whereof two Sons *Francis*, *Thomas*, and four Daughters, *Anne*, *Judith*, *Ursula* and *Lacy*, survived. He deceased the 18th of ——— Anno Dom. 1629, in the 78th Year of his Age. She deceased the 29th day of April, Anno Dom. 1638, in the — Year of her Age.

Near this Stone lyeth another Marble thus Ingraved.

Hic requiescit Corpus Josephi Jordan, Militis, qui obiit mensis Junii die 2d. anno Dom. 1686, Etat. sua 82 in spe Resurrectionis.

A Marble in the middle of the Chancel.

Depositum Richardi Lee, S. T. P. nuper *Bedford* Episcopalis alias Regalis cum Capella de *Cotteridge* Rectoris. Qui obiit anno Dom. 1684. Etat. sua 79. Hic requiescit spe Lata Resurrectionis.

On another Marble on the other Side the Chancel is this Inscription.

Here lyeth Interred the Body of *John Dias*, Esq; of this Parish, who departed this Life the 2d of March 1677, in the 67 Year of his Age.

In the South Chancel, called *Pansburne Isle*.

Here lyes the Body of *Martha Ewre*, late the Wife of *Stephen Ewre* of *Pansburne* in this Parish, Gentleman, who died the 26th day of August, anno Dom. 1664.

Another fair Marble lyes near this Stone.

Hic requiescit Corpus Willimi Curle. Armigeri tunc illustrissimæ Reginae Elizabethæ qui potentia. Cur. Wardorum et Libaconum — est officio summa fide et integritate felix Liberis et Amicis vera fide christiana beatam carnis operans Resurrectionem placid. obdormivit in Somnio 16 die Aprilis, Anno Dom. 1617, et Etat. sua 76.

Near the last, another Stone shews this Inscription.

Rotamur in Urnam fracta licet letabuntur.

Here in the hopes of a blessed Resurrection is laid up the Body of Mrs. *Elizabeth Carter*, Daughter of *William Carter* of *Bedfield Woodhall*, Esq; and *Mary* his Wife; having finished her short Race in fourteen Years and nine Months, on the 5th. of May, 1653. she put off the Garment of Mortality, to assume her Palm and Robe of Glory.

This precious Cabinet resolv'd to dust

No more the Object of our carnal Eyes;

The Diamond it contain'd amongst the Just,

Sparkles in fullest Glory above the Skies:

But when the Heavens shall meet, and Stars shall fall,

These must unite, and far out-shine them all.

Expergiacemini et Cantate,

Qui habitatis pulverem.

Another shews this Inscription.

Potius quam stygia necritis horam.

*Hand of
Bradshute*

Here rests in expectation of the last Trump, the Body of *William Carter* of *Batfield Woodhouse*, Esq; one of the Commissioners for the Peace of this County of *Hertford* and Liberty of *St. Albans*, Counsellor at Law of the *Middle Temple*, a Man of admirable Piety and Integrity both towards God and towards Man; he married *Mary* the Daughter of *John Darnall* of *Hertfordshire*, Esq; by whom he had divers Children; two only survived him, viz. *William* and *Robert*. He departed this Life to enjoy the beatifical Vision, on the 9th. of *November*, 1652.

*Novi in carne mea,
Mortisurum Deum.*

This is engraved on another Stone.

Here lyeth the Body of *Robert Carter*, second Son of *William Carter*, late of *Batfield Woodhouse*, Esq; who departed this Life the 11th. of *April*, 1664. *Ætat. suæ* 18.

A fair Monument erected in the South Wall of the same Isle, with the Effigies of two Women leaning on their left Elbows, with this Inscription over them.

Here lyes the Body of *Dame Elizabeth Brocket*, late Wife of *Sir John Brocket* of *Brocket Hall* in the County of *Hertford*, and formerly the Wife of *Gabriel Fowler*, of *Eltham* in the County of *Bedford*, Esq; Daughter and Coheir of *Roger Moore*, of *Burton* in the County of *Bedford*, Esq; the which *Dame Elizabeth* deceased the 24th. day of *June*, 1612. In respective Love and Duty towards so dear a Mother, *Richard Fowler*, her only Son, caused this Monument to be erected in Memory of Her.

In Memory of Dame Agnes Saunders, who deceased the 20th Day of October, Anno Dom. 1688.

Friend, as thou by this Monument doth pass,
And here seest what I am, read what I was;
1 *Hussy* my Father was, and I his Heir,
My Husbands 2 *Moore*, 3 *Curson* and 4 *Saunders* were;
By *Moore*, I of two Daughters was a Mother,
Whereof 5 *Blount* one, 6 *Brocket* espoused another:
One Daughter and sole Heir of *Cursons* Bed
I then brought forth whom I to 7 *Farmer* Wed:
Of *Saunders*, Lord Chief Baron, one, no more
But only Name. I lastly hither bore;
Where 8 *she*, whom I enclosed in my Womb
By *Curson*, hath inclos'd me in this Tomb,
If of my Virtues thou wouldst Memory see,
In her I left them who in this laid me.
Then let this sacred Act her Love set forth,
And her Religious Love declare my Worth.

1 John Hussy
of the House
of Snapnick,
Dorsetshire.
2 Rog. Moore
of Burcester,
Esq.
3 Tho. Curson
of Waterpeny
Esq.
4 Sir Edward
Saunders, Kt.
Lord Chief
Baron.
5 Sir Michael
Blount of Me-
ple, Durham.
6 Sir John
Brocket of
Brocket Hall.
7 Sir George
Farmer of
Eatonston in
Northampton
shire.
8 Dame Mary
Farmer.

Another Monument in the same Wall, almost destroyed,
with this Inscription.

Déo Opt. Max. et Memoria sacrum.

*Johannes Brocket, Miles, sub hoc tumulo secundum Christi adventum ex-
pecta. Qui primo connubio junctum habuit Helenam uxorem Fildrum et
Heredum Roberti Látton Militis, ex qua quintus Filius suscepit Marga-
retam nuptam Johanni Cuts, Militi; Annam, Alexandro Cave—
Elizab. Georgio Carlton; Helenam, Ricardo Spencer; Mariam Tho-
mas Read, Armig. et ex secunda Uxore quæ fuit relicta Gabriellis Fowler
Armig. unicum habuit Filium Franciscam nuptam Dudleo D. North
Pie Placidæ; in Christo mortem obiit secundo die Octobris, Anno Salu-
tis restauratæ 1598, ætatis vero suæ plus minus sexagesimo tristissimum
sui*

Desiderium Anticis Relinquentis.

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DIGENSWELL.

THIS Vill is shrouded in a Bottom on the South Side of the River *Almeram*, under the Hill about four Miles distant from *Hatfield* towards the North; it was denominated from the Springs of Water which bubble out of the Ground in this Parish; for such Springs the *Saxons* heretofore called Wells. In the time of *William* the Conqueror, *Goisfride de Manevile* and *Peter de Valongies* possess this Vill, when it was recorded, that

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 138, nu.
33.

In *Bradewater Hundred*. in *Bicheleswelle*, tenuit *Torchil* de *Goisfrido* duo hidas. Terra est octo car. et dimid. in dominio duo sunt car. et duodecim Vill. cum tribus Bordis habentibus sex car. et dimid. ibi quatuor Cotar. et duo servi et un Molin. et dimid. octo sol. et octo denar. pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. inter totum valet quatuor lib. Idem. tenuit tempore Regis *Edwardi*, qui nunc tenuit, homo *Asgari Stalre* fuit et vendere potuit.

Ibid. fol. 141.

In *Bradewater Hundred*. in *Bicheleswelle*, tenuit *Rogerus* de *Petro* de *Valongies* un. hid. Terra est tres car. in Dom. est una et quinque Vill. cum tribus Bordis habent. duo car. ibi octo cotar. et dimid. Molind. de xl. denar. pratum duo bobus pastura ad pec. Silva. porc. inter totum valet xxxv sol. Quando recepit vigint. sol. tempore Regis *Edwardi* I. sol. hanc terram tenuit *Topi* homo *Almari* et vendere potuit.

Torchil held two Hides of *Jeoffery de Manevile* in *Digswell*, in the Hundred of *Bradewater*; the arable in eight Carucates and an half, in Demeasne are two Carucates and twelve Villains, with three Bordars, having six Carucates and an half, there are four Cottagers and two Servants, and one Mill and half a Mill of eight Shillings and eight Pence Rent; Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed an hundred Hogs: In the whole it is worth four Pounds by the Year. The same held it in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) who now holds it. He was a Man (under the Protection) of *Asgar Stalri*, and might sell it.

Roger held one Hide of *Peter Valongies* in *Digswell*, in the Hundred of *Bradewater*: The arable is three Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and five Villains, with three Bordars, having two Carucates and eight Cottagers, and half a Mill of forty Pence Rent; Meadow to feed two Oxen, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed fifty Hogs: In the whole it is worth five and thirty Shillings by the Year; when he received it, twenty Shillings a Year; in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifty Shillings a Year. *Topi*, a Man (under the Protection) of *Almar*, held this Land, and might sell it.

Having treated already of these great Barons, *Jeoffery de Magnavile* in the Parish of *Sabringthorpe*, and *Peter de Valongies* in *Hertingfordburg*, I shall proceed to *Lawrence* of *St. Nicholas*, who is the next Lord of this Mannor that I meet with, for it was found, Anno 6 *Edw.* I. that he had Free-warren, and one Market every Week on the Thursday in his Mannor of *Digswell*, and had there a Fair every Year, to continue for ten Days together, by the Grant of King *H. III.* and he produced his Deed, which was attested before *Henry Rigate* and others, Justices Itinerants at *Hertford*, upon which all these Priviledges were allowed.

Which Mannor came afterwards to that ancient Family of the *Perients*; for in the Reign of *Richard II.* *John Perient*, Esq. possess the same; he was Penon-bearer and Squire of the Body to King *R. II. H. IV.* and *H. V.* and

One Warr. 6
Ed. I. Hist.
40, cur. re-
cept. Scac.

Master of the Horse to *Joan* the second Wife of *H. IV.* and Daughter of the King of *Castile*; therefore I think it may be very satisfactory to discover to the Reader the Nature and Quality of these Offices.

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A Penon-bearer to the King, is one who carries his Flag or his Banner ending in a Point or Tip, wherein the Arms of the King either in War, or at a Funeral are depainted, which Office is equivalent with the Degree of an Esquire.

Esquires were termed in Latin *Armigeri*, because they were Bearers of Arms, or *Scutiferi*, for that they carried the Shield; from thence the *Goths* called them *Schilpers*, and the *Romans*, *Scutarii*, because they bore the Shields and Helmets of the Roman Knights at their general Musters or Triumphs, or at their high and publick Solemnities, or were Armour-bearers to Princes, or the better Sort of the Nobility in *England*. They are of as great Antiquity as the *Feudal Law*; for in old time, every Knight had two of these Esquires, who carried his Morion and his Shield; they were inseparable Companions to him, and did wear Coats of Mail, or Defence, to assist him, for they held certain Lands of the Knight in Escuage, which in Latin is called *Scutagium*, the Service of the Shield, in such Manner as the Knight himself held of the King by Knight-service: From hence these Esquires in old time were called *Servientes*; for at *Warham Boton*, saith Mr. *Selden*, from *Matt. Paris*, *Æstimati inter Milites electos et Servientes strenuos et bene armatos sexaginta millia virorum fortium*. Also in the Army at *Lincoln*, in the Beginning of the Reign of *H. III.* on the King's Part; *Recensiti sunt Milites 400 Bachalarii, firmæ 250 Servientes quoq. et Equites tot et tales affuerunt numeri, quod Vices Militum possent pro necessitati imulere*; and there were taken of the Barons' Part, *Milites 400 præter Servientes, Equites, et Pedites, qui sub numero non cadebant. et interfectus est in illo confictu Serviens quidem ex parte Baronum omnibus ignotus*. This Addition of Esquire was in ancient time only a Name of Charge and Office, and first crept in among other Titles of Dignity and Worship in the Reign of *R. II.* and little Mention is made of this or the Addition of Gentleman in ancient Deeds, till the time of *H. V.* when a Statute was made 1 *Regni sui*, That in all Cases where Process of Outlawry lyeth, the Additions of the Estate, Degree, or Mistery of the Defendant shall be incerted.

*Markham's
Decade of
Honour, tit.
Esquire.*

*Selden, tit.
Hon. pt. 2,
fol. 831.*

*Spelman, Gloss.
tit. Armiger,
fol. 43.*

*Stat. 1 H. V.
cap. 5.*

The most learned in the Art or Mistery of Honour hold now there are five Sorts of Esquires. First, Esquires of the King's Body, who are limited to the Number of four; they keep the Door of the King's Bed-chamber, whensoever he shall please to go to Bed, and have Precedency of all Knights' younger Sons. The second are the eldest Sons of Knights, and their eldest Sons successively. The third, the eldest

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Sons of the youngest Sons of Barons, and others of the greater Nobility. The fourth, such to whom the King shall grant by Letters Patents, Coat Armour, or silver Collars of Ess's, and silver or white Spurs: And the fifth, such as have eminent Place in the Commonwealth, as Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs of Counties, &c. or bear special Office in the King's Household, as Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Carvers, Sewers, Cup-bearers, Pensioners, Gentlemen Ushers, Serjeants at Arms, and all that have any near or especial Dependance on the King's royal Person, and are not knighted.

Some add to those, two other Distinctions of Men. 1 Captains in the Wars recorded in the King's List. 2 Attendants on the Knights of the Bath, who carry their Swords, Beautrices, and Spurs, with which the Knights are invested at their Creations; and *Helidorus* and most of the Greek and Latin Historians seem to consent to it.

*Markham's
Decade of
Honor, tit.
Esquire, fol.
62.*

These Esquires are not only Companions for Knights, but in some Cases precede and go before them; as when the younger Sons of Earls, Viscounts, or Barons, are not knighted and have no Title but this of Esquire, for the Blood of their Ancestors (which was enobled in such a transcendent Manner in them) doth challenge that Prerogative; neither is it fit or convenient (though they be truly honourable in a much higher Nature) that they should despise this Title, but embrace it both for the Honor and the Antiquity, for it is the first Display of Manhood, and the true Progress to Perfection.

This Degree of Esquire is a special Privilege to any of the King's ordinary and nearest Attendants; for be his Birth gentle or base, yet if he serve in the Place of an Esquire, he is absolutely an Esquire by that Service, for 'tis the Place which dignifies the Person, and not the Person the Place; so if any Gentleman or Esquire shall take upon him the Place of a Yeoman of the King's Guard, he immediately loses all his Titles of Honor, and is no more than a Yeoman.

'Tis great Pity that some Expedient is not taken to punish those who shall abuse this Title, and give it to Men of mean Birth or inferior Quality, as Clerks who write Commissions, Under-sheriffs or Coroners who return Juries, or Scriveners who draw Bonds or Writings of the like Nature, or those who shall subscribe Esquire to his unworthy Quality, for that 'tis an Usurpation upon the Right of the King, who has the only Power of dispensing Honor to his Subjects; and 'tis a Dishonour to that worthy Degree.

This *Perient* was also Master of the Horse to the Queen, who is a great Officer at Court, and of high Esteem, for he has the Charge and Government of the Queen's Stables, and

all the Officers and Servants belonging to them. He died Anno 1416, 8 Hen. VII. and was buried in this Church. His Arms were *Gules, three Crescents Argent.*

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Edmond Perient succeeded, lived here in the time of H. VI. married *Ann* the Daughter of *Thomas Vernon*, Esq. by whom he had Issue ——— *John* married to *Edward Cressy*, Lord of the Mannor of *Warrickhamsted* in *Harpden*; afterwards it descended to

Thomas Perient, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 1498, 13 Hen. VII. He dyed, leaving Issue

*Rot. Pip. 13
H VII. tit.
Emex & Herts.*

Thomas Perient, Esq. who was also made Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 1536, 27 H. VIII. and died leaving *Ann* his Wife surviving, and four Daughters; *Mary*; Wife of *George Horsey*, *Ann* the Wife of *Anthony Carlton*, and two others, who were his Coheirs.

*Ibid. 27 H.
VIII.*

Ann his Widow held this Manſor for her Life, and after her Decease, a Fine was levied between *George Horsey* and *Mary* his Wife, Demandants, and *Anthony Carlton* and *Ann* his Wife, Deforceants of the Moiety of this Manſor, and the Land in *Digswell*, *Wetwinn*, *Tewling*, and *Wishaps Hatfield*; to the Use of *George Horsey* and his Heirs.

*De Fin. levat.
Mich. 6 Ed.
VI. Rot. 244,
cur. recept.
Scac.*

Which *George* was constituted Sheriff for this County and *Essex*, Anno 1572, 14 Elis. He had Issue

*Rot. Pip. 14
Elis. tit.
Emex & Herts.*

Ralph Horsey, to whom Sir *John Horsey* of *Clifton*, in the County of *Dorset*, wanting an Heir male, gave the chief Part of his Estate, which was very considerable, and his Father adding this Mannor to it, at the time of his Death advised him, That if it should happen that he should have Occasion to sell Lands, not to part with this Mannor, but rather to make Sale of some of his Land in *Dorsetshire*. However, this young Gentleman, ill-advised, slighted his Father's Counsel, and sold this Mannor, which, saith my Author, was the Reason the Rest of his Estate thrived no better, for shortly after, the Remainder wasted, so that he left not one Foot of it to his Posterity: This he mentioned to instruct others in Obedience to their Parents' lawful Commands; Nature and common Gratitude obliges Children to pay all Duty, Respect, and Obedience to Parents, because they were the Authors of their Lives, nourish'd them in their Infancy, supported them in their Childhood, educated them in their Youth, fitted them for some Employment, or otherwise qualified them to live in some Repute in the World, when of themselves they were in no wise capable to subsist without their Help; a Debt so great, that 'tis impossible Children can in any sort requite or discharge; for no Unkindness, no Fault in the Parent can acquit the Child from this Duty, to which God had so great a Regard, that he declared *Jonadab*, the Son of *Reckab*, should not want a

*Fuller's Wor-
thies, tit.
Herts. fol. 32.*

Ibid.

*Whole Duty
of Man, tit.
Sund.*

*Jerem. xxxv.
18, 19.*

*Head. of
Walsingham*

*Eph. vi. 1, 2,
3.*

*Deut. xxvii.
16.
Deut. xxi. 18,
19, 20, 21.
Matt. xv. 6.
Mark vii. 10,
11, 12.*

*Ref. Pip. 2
Jac. I.*

Ibid. 22 Jac. I.

Man to stand before him for ever, because his Sons had performed the Command of their Father not to drink Wine, and kept all his Precepts, and had done according to all that he had commanded them; and God streightly commanded that all Children should honor their Parents; the Apostle earnestly exhorted, they should obey them in the Lord because it was right, and the first Command, with Promise that they might live well and long upon the Earth: And our Church teaches Children all this in the Catechism, viz. to love, honour, and succour them; a Command very contrary to the Humour of some, who now-a-days publish and deride the Infirmities of their Parents, scorn their Advice, impute their Counsel to the Effects of Dotage, and covet their Deaths that they may obtain their Possessions; nay, some impatient to stay so long, have defrauded their Fathers, opprest their Mothers, and attempted to drive them from their Habitations, that Poverty, Grief, and Sorrow might break their Hearts, and hasten their Exits: But whilst such watch for the Death of their Parents, they may untimely meet with their own; for when God has promised long Life for a Reward to dutiful Children, the Disobedient may reasonably expect the Curse of a short one, for God established a Law among the *Jews*, to stone rebellious Children to Death, which was accounted the severest Death that was then used among the *Jews*: And our blessed Saviour reprimanded those that made this Law of no Effect by Tradition. But let all such young Men remember for these things they must come to Judgment; and though there may be a small Respite of time for Tryal of the Amendment of their Lives, yet let them not delay their Repentance, for without it, Judgment will be certain, and the longer 'tis deferred, the severer will be the Sentence; for 'tis the next Command to that by which God requires our Duty to himself.

Sir *George Perient*, a Branch of the former Family, to whom this Gentleman sold this Mannor, was constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 1604, 2 Jac. I. but afterwards he conveyed it to

Richard Sidley, Esq. who was also Sheriff for this County, Anno 1624, 22 Jac. I. He married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *John Dairel* of *Catphill* in *Kent*, by whom he had *William*, *John*, *Ann* married to *Anthony Madison* of the *Middle Temple*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* married to *George Tooke*, Esq. and he died leaving

William his Heir, who married *Ann* Daughter of *Henry Boteler*, Esq. by whom he had *John*, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Susan*, and *Mary*. She died the 1st of *April*, Anno 1647. And after the Decease of his first Wife, he married *Mary* the Daughter of Sir *Robert Honiwood* of *Charing* in *Kent*. He died in *June*, Anno Dom. 1658, and was buried in this

Parish Church; but I find he sold this Mannor before his Death, to

Humphry Shalcross, Esq. Citizen and Scrivener of London, who was made Sheriff of this County, Anno 1653, 5 Car. II. and married *Elizabeth Katharina Kemp*, by whom he had Issue *Francis* and *Henry*, and eleven other Sons and two Daughters, and died the 25th of August, 1665; and she died the 15th of February, 1677.

Which *Francis* was his Heir, and married *Julian* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *Francis Boteler* of Hatfield Woodhall, Kt. by whom he had Issue, *Francis Boteler*, and died the 26th of February, 1681.

Francis Boteler Shalcross, was his Heir, lived till he attained to the age of eighteen Years, and died the 13th of January, 1693, and was buried at Hatfield, upon whose Death this Mannor came to

Henry Shalcross, Brother to his Father, who is the present Lord hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at 7l. 4s. per Annum whereof the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons.

The RECTORS.

John Champney, M. A. *William Minors*. *William Battel*.

This Church is situated in a Bottom, near the Mannor House, upon the River *Millstream* in the Deanery of *Hertford*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, is cover'd with Tyle, has a square Tower at the West End thereof, wherein are three Bells and a short Spire erected upon it, and within the Church lye some Grave Stones, which have these Inscriptions.

Hic jacet Johannes Perient, Armiger pro corpore Regis Richardi Secundi, et Procurator ejusdem Regis, et Armiger. Regis Henrici Quarti, et Armiger. etiam Regis Henrici Quinti et Magister Equitum Johanne. Filius Regis Navarr. et Regis Angliæ qui obiit. — et Johanna filia ejus quondam capitalis Domitilla — quæ obiit 24 Aprilis Anno Dom. 1415.

Below the Rails in the Chancel, lyes a Grave Stone with this Inscription.

Hic jacet Johannes Perient, Armiger, Filius Johannis Perient, Armiger qui obiit undecimo die Novembris, anno Dom. 1442. cujus Animæ propitiatur Deus. Amen.

On another Stone may this Inscription be read.

Here sleep two Sisters, Daughters of Sir *Alexander Cave*, Kt. *Margaret* lived and died a Virtuous Maid; *Mariha* his tenth Child, was the Wife of *John Champney*, Rector of this Church, who by her had Issue one Son and one Daughter, *Justinian* and *Mary*.

Obiit hoc per Sororum eodem pariter die, viz. 29 Jan.

Anno Epæche Christianæ. 1637.

Felices nimium Dulci quæis morte Potitis

Sancta Quies Positis contigit Exuvils,

Joh. Champneis memor Uxoris Dulcissime ejusq; Sororis
Clarissime, P. E. P. F.

In the Middle Isle another is thus Engraved.

Hic jacet Wilhelmus Roberts, quondam Auditor Episcopatus de Winton et Joces filius ejus, qui quidem Willi. obiit die — anno Dom. MCCCC. — et præfata Joces obiit 27 die Febr. anno Dom. MCCCCXXXIV. quorum animabus propitiatur Deus,

Hand. of
Shalcross

Rot. Pip. 5
Car. II.

*Head of
Westminster*

Another Stone is thus Inscribed.

Hic jacet Johannes Feild et Margeria Huxor ejus qui quidem Johan. obiit 17 die mensis Junii An. Dom. 1474 et prefata Margeria obiit 27 die Decembris Anno Dom. 1485. Quorum animabus propitiatur Deus. Amen.

On the North Side of the middle Isle, a Stone has these Words.

Of your Charity pray for the Soules of Robert Battyl and Joane his Wife, and William their Son; which said Robert Battyl, Died Nov. the — Anno Dom. 1557. of whose Souls Jesu have Mercy.

The aforesaid William had by Joane his Wife, four Sons and six Daughters.

In the Burying-place on the North Side of the Chancel, is a Monument erected in Marble upon the Side of the Wall.

William Sidley, the Son of Richard Sidley, of Bigsmell in the County of Hertford, Esq; died in June, Anno Dom. 1658, aged 63 Years, and was Interred near this Place, in the Memory of whom this Monument was erected, Anno Dom. 1673. His first Wife was Anna, the Daughter of Henry Butler of London, Esq; by whom he had Issue, Anna, Elizabeth, Susanna and Mary, Co-Heirs. She departed this Life the first day of April, Anno Dom. 1647.

His second Wife was Mary, the Daughter of Sir Robert Heniswood, of Charing in Kent.

Another Marble has this Inscription.

Here lyes the Body of Humphry Shalcross, of Bigsmell in the County of Hertford, Esq; Aged Threescore and ten Years, and ten days; who departed this Life on the 25th day of August, in the Year of our Lord, 1666, in hopes of a glorious Resurrection.

Another Inscription upon the Marble on the Wall.

In Memory of Elizabeth Katharina Shalcross, Wife of Humphry Shalcross of Bigsmell, Esq; by whom he had thirteen Sons and two Daughters, and lyeth Buried near this Place.

Obiit 15 Febr. 1677, Etatis 73.

In Memory of Francis Shalcross, eldest Son of Humphry Shalcross of Bigsmell, Esq; and Elizabeth Katharina Kemp, his Wife. He died the 26th of February, Anno Dom. 1681, Etatis 51.

A Tomb on the South Side of the Church Yard.

Here lyeth Interred the Body of John Champney, Gent. Master of Art, Rector of the Parish of Bigsmell, and constant Preacher of God's Word here divers Years together, who was Buried in this place according to his desire, the 9th of September, 1645, being aged 42 Years, and left Issue one Son and one Daughter, viz. Justinian and Mary. In Memoriam dilectissimi Filii dicti Johannis Champney hoc Monumentum posuit, Pia Mater Sarah Champney.

April 14th 1648.

A Coat of Arms in the North Window of the Burying-place quartered as followeth.

The First Gules, three Crescents Argent. The Second Or, a Cross fleury Sable. The Third as the Second. The Fourth as the First.

WELVES, WELWINE.

WHEN King *Etheldred* had contracted an Alliance with *Richard* Duke of Normandy, by the Marriage of *Emma* his Daughter, by whom he had Issue *Edward* the Confessor: He began to value himself much more by the Power of this Relation, and willing to relieve his People from the barbarous

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Hertfordshire*

Usage, and the inhuman Actions of the insulting Danes, redoubled his wonted Courage, and sent strict Commissions with Instructions to the Governors of all Cities, Buroughs, and Towns in his Dominions, commanding, That at a certain Hour upon the Feast of St. Brice, all the Danes should be massacred; and common Fame tells us, that this Massacre began at a little Town called Wellesbourne in Hertfordshire, within twenty four Miles of London, in the Year 1012; from which Act, 'tis said, this Vill received the Name of Wellesbourne, because the Weal of this County (as it was then thought) was there first won; but the Saxons long before called this Town Welles, from the many Springs which rise in this Vill; for in old time Wells in their Language were term'd Welues. And it seems this Massacre was acted with much Cruelty, for several Bodies have been found buried together within a Foot or two of the Surface of the Ground, in the North End of this Town, where one of the Bodies were lately digged up, and 'twas discovered, that many others lay buried there; and an entire and firm Piece of Shoe-leather belonging to one of the Bodies was shew'd to Dr. Twerson, the late Rector of this Parish, a learned Man, and a credible Person, who gave me this Relation under his Hand; and 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

In Bradenstater Hundred. in Welles, ten. quidam Presbiter un. hid. in elemosina de Rege. Terra. est tres car in Dominio est una, et alia potest fieri. ibi sex bord. habentes un. car. ibi duo cotar. pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva l porc. Inter totum val. et valuit semper xxxv sol. Istemet tenuit de Rege E. in elemosina et jacet in Ecclesia ejusdem ville. De hac Elemosina innotuit. Will. Blach homo Episcopi Bajocensis super Regem duodecem acras ut Hundred. testat.

A certain Presbiter or Parson, held one Hide of the King in free Alms, in Welles, in the Hundred of Bradenstater. The arable is three Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and another may be made; there are six Bordars having one Carucate; there are two Cottagers; Meadow one Carucate; Common of Pasture for the Cattle; Wood to feed fifty Hogs. In the whole, it is worth, and always was worth five and thirty Shillings a Year. He had it of King Edward (the Confessor) in free Alms, and it lay in the Jurisdiction of the Church of the same Vill. William Blach, a Man (under the Protection) of the Bishop of Bayeux, did enter upon the King and took away twelve Acres from this Church as the Hundred can witness.

By this Record 'tis observable, that the Parson held this Mannor of King Edward the Confessor, by free Alms, and that it was in the Jurisdiction, or did belong to the Church of this Vill; and when William the Conqueror seized all the Lands of England into his Hands, he granted it back again to the Parson of this Church, to hold of him, by the same Tenure, from which time they have held it.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 211. per Ann. and the Wardens, Fellows, and Scholars of the Colledge of All Soules in Oxford are Patrons.

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The Names of the RECTORS.

1352	26	Edw. III.	John de Eyland.
1354	28	Edw. III.	John Vernon.
1366	40	Edw. III.	John Peyland.
1388	11	Rich. II.	John Pecham.
1411	12	Hen. IV.	William Whyte.
1422	1	Hen. VI.	Walter Wilcocks.
1429	7	Hen. VI.	Edmond Thrapston.
1460	39	Hen. VI.	John Rakevein.
1473	13	Edw. IV.	Stephen Saundor.
1478	18	Edw. IV.	William Lathell, Bachelor of Law.
1479	19	Edw. IV.	John Resby, Batchelor in Divinity.
1495	10	Hen. VII.	John Denby.
1506	23	Hen. VII.	Thomas Tompson, Doctor.
1541	33	Hen. VIII.	Thomas Cordall.
1563	5	Eliz.	Cuillac Cordall.
1575	17	Eliz.	George Lewis.
1606	4	Jac. I.	Thomas Wiltshire.
1651	3	Car. II.	Nicholas Grace, Doctor.
1662	14	Car. II.	Gabriel Towerson, Doctor in Divinity.
1697	9	Will. III.	

These Rectors have been Lords of this Mannor, which has Jurisdiction of holding Court Leet and Baron, where are several Copiholders of Inheritance, who pay Fines upon every Change or Alteration of their Estates at the Will of the Lord.

The Mannor of MARDLEY BURY.

KING William the Conqueror bestowed this Mannor upon *Goisfride de Bech*, one of the *Normans*, who assisted him in that great Expedition, when he obtained the Crown of this Kingdom, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of *Terra Goisfridi de Bech*.

In *Bradenstre Hundred*. in *Essex* ten. Rogerus de Goisfrid. li hid. Terra est septem car. in Dom. est una, et alia potest fieri, ibi sex Vill. cum quatuor bord. habent quatuor Car. et quinta potest fieri. ibi quatuor Cotar. et unus servus, et un. Molin. de octo sol. pratum. duo car. pastura ad pec. Silva xx porc. Inter totum val. l sol. Quando recepit viginti sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi sex lib. Hanc Terram tenuer. Gode et filius ejus de Edid. Regina. et vendere potuerunt.

The Land of *Goisfride de Bech*. Roger held two Hides of *Goisfride de Bech* in *Essex*. in the Hundred of *Bradewater*. The arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne is one and another may be made. There are six Villains with four Bordars, having four Carucates, and a fifth may be made; there are four Cottagers and one Servant, and one Mill of eight Shillings Rent; Meadow two Carucates; Common of Pasture for the Cattle; Wood to feed twenty Hogs. In the whole it is worth fifty Shillings a Year, when he received it, twenty Shillings, in the time of *Edward* (the Confessor) six Pounds. Gode and his Son, held this Land of Queen *Editha* and might sell it.

This Mannor came afterwards to the Possession of *Philip de Mardley*, from whom it was denominated. In *Hilary Term 12 Edw. I.* he conveyed by Deed one Messuage, an hundred Acres of Land, and two Acres of Wood in the Villis of *Bachelstorth* and *Belstons*, to the Use of *Robert Burnell* Bishop of *Bath* and *Bells*, to whom the King de-

livered the Broad Seal of England, on Tuesday the Fast of St. James the Apostle, in the same Year, and caused him to carry it with him from Dover, over the Sea to France, and to bring it back again on Friday next after the Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary, in the 17th Year of his Reign, from Calais to France; but I suppose that this Conveyance made to him was only in Trust for *Philip Mardley*, for such Conveyances in Trust were usual in those Days; and it was reconveyed to him again, for I find that *Philip de Mardley* gave to *William de Bernet*, Clerk, one Messuage, an hundred and forty Acres of Land, three Acres of Wood, and twenty Pence Rent, in *Bacheworth* and *Mardley*, and whatsoever he had in the same Villa, to hold to the said *William* and his Heirs for ever, of him the said *Philip* and his Heirs, by the Rent of a Clovegillflower, and him the said *William*, to be acquitted of all Services, except Suit of Court of Sir *Robert*, Son of *Thomas* in the same Vill of *Mardley*.

Shortly after, it was in the Possession of *Bartholomew Badlesmere*, who was summoned to Parliament among the Barons of this Realm, from the 3d of *Edw. II.* to the 14th of the same King; but after that, assisting *Thomas* Earl of Lancaster, and other discontented Barons of that Age; *Margaret* his Wife (Aunt and Coheir to *Thomas* the Son of *Richard de Glare*) with *Giles de Badlesmere* his younger Son, and all his Daughters were taken in his Castle of *Leeds*, sent to the Tower of London; and he receiving a Defeat at *Burrough-brigge* was taken there among the Rest, and sent to Canterbury, to be drawn and hang'd: He was executed at the Gallows of *Blenn*; his Head was cut off and set upon a Pole at *Burgate*, at which time it was found, he died seiz'd of this Mannor.

Giles Badlesmere was his Heir, found great Favour from the King, obtained all his Father's Harness; and when he came of Age, had Livery of his Lands, Anno 7 *Edw. III.* He married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *William Mountacute* Earl of Salisbury, by whom he had no Issue, for his four Sisters, *Maud* Wife of *John de Vere*, Earl of Oxford, *Elizabeth* Wife of *William de Bohun*, Earl of Northampton, formerly Wife of *Edmond Mortimer*, *Margaret* Wife of Sir *John Tiptoft*, and *Margery*, Wife of *William Lord Roos*, were his Coheirs; and upon the Partition, this Mannor came to *Margaret* the Wife of *John Tiptoft*.

But I find no more of it till it came to the Possession of *Gertrude*, Daughter of *William Blount*, Lord Mountjoy, Marchioness of Exeter, who was attainted of High Treason in the time of *Henry VIII.* upon which it devolved to the Crown, but soon after, that King granted it to Sir *John Throckmorton*, Kt. in Fee, from whom it descended to Ni-

Hind. of
Wadsworth

De Banco Re-
gi. Mich. 13
Ed. I. Herts.
Rot. 52.

Bar. vol. 2,
fol. 58.

Ibid. fol. 58.

De Fin. levat.
1 & 2 P. & M.
Rot. 601, cur.
recept. Scac.

Hand of
Mendham

cholas his Son; he held it in the first and second Years of *Philip* and *Mary*; afterwards sold it to Sir *Rowland Lytton*, from whom it is come to Sir *William Lytton*, the right Descendant and present Lord hereof.

LOCKLEYS.

WITHIN this Vill is a fair Seat called *Lockleys*, from some Owner thereof, situated upon the River *Almmeram*, which was purchased by *Edward Wingate*, Esq. second Son of *George Wingate* of *Warkington* in the County of *Bedford*, Esq. who married *Margaret* Daughter of *Peter Taverner* of *Hexton* in this County, and *Frances Docwra* his Wife, by whom he had Issue *Edward* and *Frances* married to *Eustace Needham*.

Edward was his Heir, and married *Mary* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Ralph Alway*, of *Cannons* in *Shropshire* in this County; by whom he had Issue *Francis*, *Edward*, and three other Sons and seven Daughters: He was a Captain in the Militia, and a Justice of the Peace for this County many Years: He was a Burgess for the Borough of *St. Albans* in the Parliament held Anno 16 Car. I. and one of the grand Commissioners of Excise for King *Charles II.* He made a fair Warren to this Seat, stocked it with a choice Breed of Rabbits, all silver haired, and planted it with great Store of excellent Walnut trees; and in the Front of his House, raised a pleasant Orchard, set with the best and rarest Fruit Trees, where several Cuts are made, through which the *Almmeram* passes in several Streams, stored with fair Trouts and other Fish, for the Provision of his Table; but upon his Death, this Seat descended to *Edward* his surviving Son and Heir, a Justice of the Peace for this County, and the present Possessor hereof.

THE Church is dedicated to *St. Mary* the Virgin, and Anno 26 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 21l. and the Wardens and Fellows of the Colledge of *All-Souls* in the University of *Oxford* are Patrons. This Church is situated near the middle of the Town, in the Deanery of *Wetford*, in the Diocess of *London*; and contains two Isles covered with Lead, with a Chancel (adjoyning the East End, and a square Tower where was a Ring of five Bells) lately on the North Side thereof, but since has fallen down.

In the Chancel are these Inscriptions upon Grave Stones.

hic jacet Henricus, Johan. Bachwayne de Villa de Welwyn ac Rector Ecclesie parochialis ejusdem Ville qui obiit penultimis die mensis Septembris an. Dom. MCGCCLXXIII.

—Magr Will. Lathel in Regibus Baccalaurei nuper — iustus Ecclesie. qui obiit in festo Nativitatis, Beate. Marie, Virginis, An. Dom. Millimo, CCCCLXXIX°.

Anno Dom. M°.CCCCLXXXV° mens. Januarij die XX. obiit iste Magister Johannes Reysby, in sacra Theologia Baccalaureus hujus Ecclesie Rector.

Here lyeth buried the Body of Mr. *Thomas Cordall*, sometime Parson of this Church, the which departed the XXXL day of *January* in the year of our Lord God M^o.DLXIII.

*Head of
Stade Water*

Georgius Lewis generosa familia natus, et hujus Ecclesie Rector constitutus, postquam pastoralis Officio in eadem per triginta annos summa diligentia perfunctus esset, obiit 28 die Martii an. Dom. 1606. ætatis vero sue, 55.

Over this Inscription is his Coat of Armes, being a *Chevron between three Flower de Lucies.*

Here lyeth *William Cordal*, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, and *Anne his Wife*, which *William* departed this World, the sixth day of *March* in the Year of our Lord, MCCCCLVII—

In the Church.

In the East Window of the South Isle of the Church remains the Picture of a Man in Armour with a red Mantle over it from the arm-pits to the Knees, described in a praying posture, kneeling and stretching out his hands with this Inscription,

Johannes de Gatesden. M^oD Merton Cole.

And not far from that in the same Window, a Coat of Arms bearing *Argent, two Barres Gules, and in it a Mallet for Distinction of a third Brother.*

What Relation he had to this Place is not known, but Dr. *Feller* takes Notice in his Worthies, of an eminent Physician of that name, who flourished, *Anno Dom. 1320*, and *Matthew Paris* speaks of another who in all Probability may be the Person, whose discoursing, whether the Order of Priesthood is debar'd the Honour of Knighthood of the Sword, says that he finds that antiently they have been allowed it, but not without first laying aside their spiritual Cures, and applying themselves to a secular Life, and proceeds in these Words, *Die natalis Johan. de Gatesden Clericum, et multis ditatum beneficiis (sed omnibus ante expectatam resignationis, quia sic oportuit) Baltheo citat militari.*

*Paris, anno
1245.*

A fair Tomb erected in the Church Ward has this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of *Edward Wingate* of *Lockley*, Esq; who married *Mary* one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Ralph Alney* of *Cannons* in the Parish of *St. Mary*, Esq; and had by her five Sons and seven Daughters; he dyed the 8th day of *August* in the year of our Lord 1665. and of his Age 79.

A REGISTER of several things belonging to the Parish Church of *St. Mary*, in *Anno Christi 1541*, taken out of the Register Book of that Church, as it is spelled there.

The Incentoris remembreing all such stuffe as belonyeth and pertyneth to the Parochie Church of St. Mary, sayn before Thomas Cordal Parson of the same, Robert Boddall and John Calwick Churchwardens, the fyrst day of Februarie in the years of our Lord God, A. MCCCCCxi.

Imprimis, two Chalices of Silver, to one double gyilt, and the other percell gyilt.

Item, a Croosse w^t *Seint Mary* and *John* w^t the foote to the same belonging of coper and gyilt.

Item, ii pippis of the same metall gyiltid to put upon the Croosse staffe.

Item, a croosse clothe of grene silke staynyd with the Image of the Trinite.

Item, one other croosse clothe of Latyne for every Day, an old croosse clothe of buckram staynid and the croosse staffe.

Item, a purse of silke w^t or w^t yn ys a box of Iverie garnysshed w^t silver to bere the blissid Sacrament in visitacions to syke folke.

Item, iii Corporascasya w^t iii Corporas clothis.

Item, on box of woode within lythe iii Lawnnys of netill clothe.

Item, on Sacrament clothe of bright violet silke for the Sacrament every day.

Item, on oulde Choushyn of silke.

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Vestments 8.

Imprimis, on Vestiment w^t amyse and albe stoole Fannon and Parrells of Sattyne of Briggeis violet or Blew colour.

Item, another Vestiment w^t the Albe stoole Fannon and parrells of branchyd dammaske broone or russet colour embrodyd w^t flowers of Venyse golde.

Item, an other Vestiment w^t the Albe stoole Fannon and parells of blew silke sparkelyd w^t flowers or beests of venice golde callyd the Requiem Vestiment.

Item, another Vestiment w^t the Albe stole Fannon and parrells of branchyd damaske lyght grene for Sommer.

Item, on other Vestiment w^t the Albe stole Fannon and the apparells of wyght fustian embrodyd flowers of cooper golde.

Item, on other Vestiment w^t the Albe stole Fannon and parrells of silke dark grene callyd clothe of Bawde Kyne,

Item, on other of olde velveyt tawne embrordyd with sterrys of Venice gilde w^t the Albe stolen Fannon and parrells.

Item, on Tunackyll for the decon of Broonde, silke Redde callyd clothe of Bawde kyne with the Albe stole Fannon and parrells.

Item, on other old suspendid Tunackyll for the prest w^t an Albe stole fannon backyng the rest.

Item, on other olde Tunnackyll lackyng all.

Item, an herse Clothe of Blew silke of sperkillyd w^t Lyons wevyd in of Venice golde.

Item, on other herse clothe of course blaake wullyn w^t a crosse of wyght lynyn clothe uppon it.

Books.

Item, on gret Antiphon. of Velhin. wryten and notyd. *Item*, another smaller in two parts of the gyft of Will. Cordall of London. Two graylls of Velhin. wryten and notyd on prewtt legent of papyr.

Item, a nother Antyphon. of Velhin. wryten, and notyd, ii Salters of Velhin wryten, iii processioners of papyr, and ii of Velhin. wryten and notyd.

Item, ii prynt Masbooks, on new, the other olde.

Item, on masbooke of Velhin. wryten, ii hymmes pryntid, and ii other of Velhin. wryten.

Item, one Lattyne baasyn and a eware, iii pykyd candlesticke w^t a nosell, ii sensours of Lattyne, on lytle baasyn of cooper for frankynsence, one lawmpe.

Surples. *Item*, one Surplesse with alevys, and other ix witout Slavys good and band.

Item, an olde peynted clothe lyke dammaske wurke, A Vayle for lent, liii boerds, and liii trestills, a Basket for hollywydbred, on holywater stoop of Lattyne.

Hygh Aulter. *Imprimis*, v alter clothys of lynine, on canvase clothe to cover the alter clothis, an alter clothe to hang fore the aulter of sattyne of Brygge panyd blue and red, vi towells. ii pare of candlesticks for taappers of Lattyne, an olde payntid clothe to hang before the alter for every day, ii great stoundards candelstick of Latyne, iii paxis.

Item, liii peyntid clothis for the sepulcher, a payntyd clothe or canopye for the Sacrament, and liii stayfs, vi Bannars clothes, ii Stremers paynted.

Seint Nicholate Aulter. *Imprimis*, ii Aulter clothis halowyd on canvase clothe and ii old payntid clothis to hang afore the same Alter.

Item, One Alter clothe of Lynine, a canvase clothe and ii old payntid clothis to hang afore the same Altar.

The other Alter. *Item*, ii Coopys the on of blue velvyet w^t the parrell of Imagery embroderyd w^t Venyce golde and the body of the same w^t flowers of lyke golde.

Coopys. *Item*, on sheyt to ley the same yn. The other Coope of grene silke callyd clothe of Bawdekyn for every day.

By this Inventory you may observe that there were three Altars in this Church, and that there was as well a Deacon as a Priest to attend in it.

The BENEFACTORS to this Church and Parish.

Anne, Wife of Anthony Carleton, Esq. one of the Daughters and Heirs of Thomas Percy, Esq. gave a Messuage and a Rood of Ground, with the Appurtenances, lying in ~~Wetmore~~ to the Repair of this Church, and to the Relief of the Poor of this Parish; and 'tis held that the Church-house, and a Pightle called the ~~Butcher~~ Pightle, both of them lying on the East Side of the Church-yard is the same Messuage and Ground aforesaid, whereof the House is now converted into an Almshouse, and the Rent of the Pightle is now constantly disposed of to the use of the Poor.

John Barfield of ~~Wetmore~~ in this County Wheelwright, gave a Messuage or Tenement called ~~Cookes~~, and three Acres and three Roods of arable Land, whereof the three Acres lying in ~~Wetmore~~-field, and the three Roods in ~~Wetmore~~-field in the Parish of Caddington in ~~Bedfordshire~~, to the Use of the Poor in this Parish.

Josias Barnard, late of ~~Clifford~~ in the County of ~~Bedfordshire~~, Esq. by his Will gave a Rent charge of five Pounds per Annum, payable to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of this Parish every Year, towards the binding out of poor Children in this Parish Apprentices, only to Trades of Manufactory.

A Person whose Name is not now known, gave to the Poor of this Parish, a Piece of Land called the ~~Crown-piece~~, abutting on the North, on the High-way, leading from this Town to ~~Strevenger~~, and on all other Sides, upon the Lands of Ralph Wingate, Esq.

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Curt. dated 5
Dec. 10 Elis.

Curt. dated 9
Martii, 12
Elis.

Test. Jos. Bar-
nards.

**EYE, AIET MONTFITCHET,
AIET ST. PETERS,
LITTLE AIET.**

THIS Vill is situated about two Miles distant from ~~Wetmore~~, towards the West, of which I find it recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Bajocensis*.

In *Bractons Hundred*. in *Eia tenuit Petrus de Episc. Bajocensis dim. hid. Terra est dim. car. sed non est, ibi unum Molendinum de tribus solidis, de gurgitibus 200 Anguill. pratum dimid. car. et de fren. decem sol. Hec terra vel. viginti. sol. Quando recepit decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi trigint. sol. Suen tenuit homo Com. Herald. et vendere potuit.*

The Land of the Bishop of Bajour.

Peter held half an Hide in Eye in the Hundred of Braughton, of the Bishop of ~~Bajour~~. The arable is half a Carucate, but it is not now, there is one Mill of three Shillings Rent by the Year, two hundred Eels out of the Pool; Meadow half a Carucate, and ten Shillings Rent by the Year for Hay. This Land was worth twenty Shillings a Year, when he received it ten Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) thirty Shillings a Year: *Suen* a Man (under the Protection) of Earl Harold held it, and might sell it.

By this Record 'tis certain this was a watry Place, for here was a Mill, and a Pool which yielded two hundred Eels for Rent by the Year. From whence this Vill was denominated; for anciently *Eye* was used in the same Sense as *Ea*, which signifies a watry Place. But it seems at that time, this Vill lay in the Hundred of ~~Braughton~~.

In the time of King H. II. this Vill was in the Possession of *Richard Montfitchet*, who attended King R. in that Expedition made Anno 6 Regni sui into Normandy, and was confirmed Anno 2 Johan. in the Forrestership of ~~Essex~~; for

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*Rot. Pip. 3, 7
4, & 5 Johan.
tit. Emex and
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which and the Custody of the Castle of ~~Werrford~~ he gave a hundred Marks; and was Sheriff of this County and ~~Essex~~, in the 3d, 4th, and 5th Years of King *John*, and then died leaving Issue

Richard, who was his Heir, but being within Age, the King granted the Wardship of him to *Roger de Lacy*, Constable of ~~Chester~~, for a thousand Marks; but *Millicent* his Mother, *Anno 12 Johan.* purchased the Wardship of him again, for eleven hundred Marks. When he attained to his full Age, he joyned with the rebellious Barons against King *John*, and was so active in those Troubles, that when the Barons had got the Power into their Hands, they chose him for one of the five and twenty Governours of the Realm: He continued in Arms with the fiercest, and was taken Prisoner in the Battle fought *Anno 1 H. III.* at ~~Marston~~: He was in the Turnament held *Anno 7 H. III.* at ~~31st~~, notwithstanding the King's Prohibition, for which his Lands were siezed; but afterward he came to better Temper, made his Submission, return'd to his Allegiance, and the King received him into his Favour. He was constituted Justice of several of his Forrests *Anno 21 H. III.* made Sheriff of this County and ~~Essex~~ *26 H. III.* for the last half of that Year, continued in the same Office for the three next succeeding Years, and for the first Half of the 30th Year of the same King; shortly after he died without Issue, and his three Sisters, *Margery* married to Sir *Hugh de Bolebet*, Kt. *Aveline* to *William de Forz*, Earl of ~~Albermarl~~, and *Philippa* to *Hugh de Playz*, were his Coheirs, among whom his Lands were divided; and from him this Vill might receive the Adjunct of *Montfitchet* to its Name, but in short time after it came to

*Rot. Pip. 26,
27, & 28 H.
III. tit. Emex
and Herta.*

William de Ayete, for he held this Mannor, called then by the Name of ~~Aitte~~ *Montfitchet* of the Honour of ~~Bo-~~loigne, and had View of Franc-pledge, Assize of Bread, Wine, and Ale, Gallows, Tumbrel, and Free-warren, but by what Warrant he held them, the Jury knew not; afterwards the said *William de Ayete* came and shewed the Grant of King *Henry*, that he had, and his Heirs ought to have one Fair there for ever, and it was allowed.

*One Warr. 6
Ed. I. Rot. 14
indorso.]*

*Trin. 1 Ed. II.
Rot. 49, cur.
recept. Scac.*

It being found in Trinity Term, *Edw. II.* that a Fine was levied *Anno 13 Edw. I.* between *John de Yeland*, Plaintiff, and *Ralph* the Son of *Walter* and *Margery* his Wife, Deforceants, of the Mannor of ~~Aitte~~, and the Advowson of the same Church, in the County of ~~Werrford~~, *John* of ~~Lancaster~~, Cousin and Heir of *Margery*, came and assign'd Errors in levying of the Fine, whereupon Judgment was given that *John de Yeland* shall recover that Moiety of the Land which was the said *Walters*; upon which *John Lancaster* entred, and that the Fine stood in Force for

these two Moieties of *Walter* and *Hugh*, and the other Moiety remained to *John Lancaster* and his Heirs.

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Afterwards *Nicholas Corbet* obtained this Mannor held in *Capite* of the King, ought Suit to the County, and paid five Shillings a Year to the Sheriffs Aid; since it came to the Possession of

John Poteyn, who died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue *John* and *Thomas*; and upon his Discease it descended to

John who was his Heir, but since his time it has been dismembred and divided among several Persons, whereof some Part was conveyed to *Brocket*, from whom it passed to *Sir Thomas Read* by the Marriage of *Mary*, one of the Daughter and Coheirs of *Sir John Brocket*; from him it descended to *Sir John Read*, who left Issue *Sir James Read*, Baronet, the present Possessor hereof.

Another Parcel of this Land was sold to *Thomas Perient*, Esq. who left it to *Thomas Perient* his Son and Heir, from whom it descended to *Thomas* his Son and Heir, who gave for his Arms *Gules, three Crescents Argent*, and convey'd it to *Rowland Hale*, Esq. of whose Family I intend to treat in the Parish of *King's Walden*; from whom it came to *William Hale*, Esq. who conveyed it to *Elizabeth* his Wife, who survived him, and is the present Possessor hereof.

IN Anno 26 H. VIII. this Rectory was rated in the King's Books, at the yearly Value of 8*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and *Sir James Read* is the present Patron hereof.

The RECTORS.

Mr. *Bussey*

Mr. *Ivory*

Mr. *John Birch*

Mr. *Nathan Vereyard*

Mr. *Charles Horne*, present Rector,
who has lately built half the Rectory House, and the Chancel.

This Church is situated upon a dry Hill, not far from the River *Ux* and the *Mimram*; there is a short Spire erected upon the Tower, and within the Chancel some Gravestones have these Inscriptions.

Pray for the Soul of *Thomas Fysh* Patron of this Church, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, which *Thomas* deceased the tenth day of March, an. Dom. 1553. in the seventh year of the Reign of King *Edward* the sixth, on whose Souls God have mercy.

Hic jacet quod reliquum est Mariz Elwes Relicta Jeremiz Elwes, Armigeri, obiit 4. die Decembris, anno Dom. 1667. Etatis sue 63.

Here lies the Body of *Elizabeth Horne*, Wife of *Charles Horne*, Rector of this place, who dyed in Child-bed, Nov. 10. 1688.

Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. *Elizabeth Birch*, Wife of Mr. *John Birch*, Rector of this place, who departed this life the tenth day of November, 1669. in the 47th. year of his age, leaving two Daughters, viz. *Martha* and *Elizabeth*.

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. *John Birch*, who was Rector of this Parish 41 years, and dyed the 26th. of July, 1682. in the 74th year of his age.

Here lyeth the Body of Dame *Elizabeth Perient* Widow, who was the Daughter of *Richard Baron*, Esq; she was first Wife to *Richard Hare*, Esq; after to *George Rotherham*, Esq; lastly to *Sir George Perient*, Kt. She dyed the 2d. of December, 1655. being ninety years of age.

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EYE, AIOT, ST. LAWRENCE or GREAT AIOT

STANDS among the Woods, upon an Hill about a Mile distant from Aiot St. Peter towards the West; it was Parcel of the Possessions of Earl *Harold*, who held it in the Reign of *Edward* the Confessor, and all the time of his Usurpation, but when he was slain in that fatal Battel near *Hagstings* in *Sussex*, it came to *William* the Conqueror, who obtained all *Harold's* Estate with the Government of the Kingdom, and he gave a small Parcel of it to the Reeve of the Hundred, but the Residue of it to *Robert de Gernon*, a great *Norman*, for it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*,

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 141, nu. 42.*

In Bradebwater Hundred. in Aiete, tenuit prepositus de isto Hundred. novem acras de Rege. Terra est uno bovi. valet et valuit semper novem denar. hanc terram tenuit Siward homo Aluini de Godtone, et vendere potest.

*Ibid. fol. 137,
nu. 20.*

In Aiete, tenuit Will. de Robert Gernon, duo hidas et dimid. Terra est sex car. In Dominio est una et alia potest fieri, ibi sex Vill. cum tribus bord. habentibus tres car. et tertia potest fieri, ibi unus servus, prat. un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. Inter totum valet xl sol. Quando recepit lx sol. tempore Regis Edwardi sex lib. hanc terram tenuerunt duo Teigni hom. Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuerunt; hanc invasit Will. homo Roberti super Regem si reclamat Dominum suam ad protectorem.

The Reeve of this Hundred held nine Acres of the King in *Aiete*, in the Hundred of *Bradebwater*; there is arable for one Ox, it is worth, and always was worth, nine Pence a Year. *Siward* a Man (under the Protection) of *Alwine de Godtone*, held this Land and might sell it.

William held of *Robert de Gernon* two Hides and an half in *Aiete*. The arable is six Carucates, in *Demeasne* is one, and another may be made; there are six Villains with three Bordars, having three Carucates, and a third may be made; there is one Servant, Meadow one Carcate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; in the whole it is worth forty Shillings a Year, when he received it sixty Shillings a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) six Pounds a Year. Two Thanes Men (under the Protection) of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Land and might sell it: *William* a Man (under the Protection) of *Robert* intruded upon the King, when he claimed his Lord again to be his Protector.

Shortly after this Mannor return'd again to the Crown, and King *H. I.* granted it to one *Radhere*.

A pleasant conceited witty Man, born of mean Parentage. When he attain'd to the Flower of his Youth, he frequented the Houses of the Nobles and Princes, but not content herewith, would often repair to Court, spent the whole Day in Sights, Banquets, Plays, and other Trifles; where by Sport and Flattery he would wheedle the Hearts of the great Lords to him, and sometimes would thrust himself into the Presence of the King, where he would be very officious to obtain his royal Favour. By these Artifices he gained this Mannor, and whatever else was fit for him to ask; when he had spent the Remainder of his Youth in this Sort, he began to reflect upon his wicked Course of Life, and to lament the Heinousness of his Sins; and that he might obtain a full

*Weaver's
Fam. Mon. p.
433.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 2, fol.
166, 167.*

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and perfect Indulgence of them, he resolved to go to the Court of ~~Rome~~, desiring to shew the worthy Fruit of his Penitency, by so laborious a Journey. His Mind inspired from Heaven, and prompt with a holy Zeal, he set forth, and God directing his Journey, brought him safe to his desir'd Place; where deploring all his Sins at the Tombs of the blessed Apostles, *Peter* and *Paul*, and calling to Mind the Follies and Ignorances of his Youth, he earnestly beseeched them, that they would procure from the Lord the Remission of his Sins, and promised for the Future, that he would never commit the like again, but always devoutly obey the holy Will of God; and besought those two most famous Luminaries of Heaven, Men of Mercy, that they would be Mediators between God and him, and he would take Care to avoid his former Vices, and would diligently perform what he had so solemnly promised. In the mean time, whilst he continued there, he began to grow very weak, and his Grief and Sorrow more and more increasing, he was at length brought to great Extremity, and fearing that God was not yet satisfi'd for his Sins, he pour'd forth his Heart in the Sight of God as it were Water, and dissolving the same into Tears, earnestly prayed that if his Health would permit, it might be lawful for him to return into his Country, and that he might build an Hospital there for the Recovery of the Poor from Sickness, and for the Administration of Necessaries to them so far as he might be able; and not long after, the most benign and merciful Lord, who beheld the Tears of *Hezekiah*, and answered the Importunity of *Canaan* with the Reward of his Piety, did also favorably respect this weeping Penitent, granted him the Restoration of his Health; and when he was perfectly recovered from his Weakness, and in short made whole, he began his Journey for his own Country, resolving to perform the Vow which he had made. When he had travelled some Part of the Way, and was lodged in his Inn, he saw a Vision at Night full of Terror, yet mixt with some Sweetness; for he beheld a living Creature having four Feet and two Wings, seated by him in an high Place; but when he had view'd it a while, it was carried away aloft beyond his Sight, and whilst he wonder'd at it, he turn'd his Eyes downwards, and beheld a most horrible Pit under him, which struck him with great Fear and Terror; for the Depth thereof render'd all Mankind very unsafe. He, conscious to himself of his own Wickedness, thought that he was falling into this wonderful Precipice, which Fancy did so horribly fright him, that he cryed out most vehemently; to whom a certain Man immediately appeared, shewing great Majesty in his Countenance, extraordinary Beauty in his Face, and impour'd with imperial Authority, assured him of Safety, and said to this Effect:—Oh Man!

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What and how much Aid is ready at Hand for him, who craves Help from God in so great Danger of Death.

When he had answered these things, and his Courage and Strength was restored, the other proceeded:—I am *Bartholomew* the Apostle of Jesus Christ, who came to succour thee in the time of thy Trouble, and to reveal to thee, the Secrets of the heavenly Mystery; Know ye that I by the Will and Command of the holy Trinity, and by the common Favour and Advice of the Court of Heaven, have chosen a Place at *Stothfield* in the Suburbs of *London*, where you shall found a Church in my Name, and build there the House of God, the Tabernacle of the Lamb, and the Temple of the Holy Ghost; and Almighty God shall dwell, sanctifie, glorifie, and keep that House, holy, undefiled, and without Spot for ever; His Eyes shall be open, and his Ears shall be intent upon that House Day and Night, that he that shall ask in that Place, shall receive; he that shall seek there, shall find; and he that shall knock, shall enter; for every Convert and Penitent, who shall pray in that Place, shall be heard in Heaven; He that shall seek there with a perfect Heart, shall find Help in all his Troubles; and to them who shall knock at the Door with an holy Desire, the Angels assisting there, shall open the Gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, taking and offering to God the Prayers and Desires of the Faithful; therefore let thine Hands be strengthened, and with Faith in the Lord, proceed courageously to build this House; neither regard thou the Charges thereof, nor doubt any thing, only be diligent in the Work, for it shall be my Part to provide necessary Charges to finish the Fabrick thereof; and I will make it acceptable to God and myself, by most evident Signs and Tokens, I will cover thee continually under the Shadow of my Wings; and know thou, that I have appointed thee to perform this Work, and whilst thou shalt be diligent therein, I will discharge this Office to God and thy Patron; having spoke these Words, the Vision vanisht.

When he awaked, he began to call to Mind, what he had seen in his Vision, and doubting with himself, whether it was some fantastick Delusion or an Oracle from Heaven, Humility and Fear did contest with each other, in the Heart of this faithful Man, so that he was very doubtful what it might be; and whilst his Humility incited him to live obscurely, and not to aspire to such high things, Fear would not suffer him to neglect the Commands of the Apostle, and whilst his Thoughts were thus divided within himself; he considered, that by Dreams many Secrets of the Divine Will came to the Knowledge of Man, of which there were several Instances both in the Old and New Testament; for the holy *Daniel* by a Dream did discover from God the

Dream of the King, and the Interpretation thereof; just *Joseph*, by a Dream was warn'd that he should not fear to take *Mary* his Wife, and at the time of Persecution, to fly into *Egypt*; and when the Persecutor was dead, to return again into the Land of *Judea*: Therefore Visions in the Night do not always portend idle Fancies and vain Delusions, but sometimes discover the secret Mysteries of Heaven.

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When he return'd again to *London*, he declared to his Friends with much Joy, what he had seen, and the Command he received in his Vision: and when the Barons of *London* heard it, they answered that when the King did know it, they were confident nothing would be wanting to accomplish it: And God having shewed him the Place, he took the Opportunity to disclose his Business to the King, when *Richard* Bishop of *London* was present, who favour'd his Undertaking, and he humbly implored the King, that he would be graciously pleased to give him Possession of the Place, where God had directed that he should build him an House; which Speech pleased the King, and he gave him the Place, with Authority to effect his Purpose, and whatsoever should be necessary for his Work. When all things succeeded thus prosperously with him, and he had at Hand whatsoever was necessary according to the Word of the Apostle: He built the Church with Stone, and then began the Hospital near it; which Church was founded in the Month of *March*, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Memory of the blessed *Bartholomew* the Apostle, in the Year of the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour, 1123, 23 *H. I.* He dedicated the same to the Honour of God and *St. Bartholomew*; and he placed therein divers black Canons, or Canons Regular, whom he himself govern'd about two and twenty Years, under the Title and Dignity of a Prior, according to the Rule of *St. Augustine*; and he gave this Mannor and a fair Revenue with it, for the Support and Maintenance of the Religious there: He never attain'd to the Knowledge of the liberal Arts, but was endew'd with Purity of Conscience, and would vie in Devotion towards God, in Humility towards his Brethren, and in Goodwill towards his Enemies; the tryed Sincerity of his Mind, the clear Temper of his Honesty, his great Diligence in divine things, and his careful Management of earthly things were to be commended: In Entertainments he was careful and sober, in Hospitality he was a prudent Imitator, he would opportunely admit the Anguish of those in Misery, and would patiently support and competently discharge the Necessities of the Poor; in Prosperity he was never elevated, in Adversity he was very patient, and if any thing run ill with him, he would comfort himself under the Umbrage of his Patron, whom he revered and loved at his Heart, and under his

*Weav. Fm.
Mon. p. 433.*

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Protection thought himself safe in all Dangers; he did govern his Flock with all Humility, and provided all Necessaries for them with great Diligence, and by so doing, he gained Reverence in his Place, and Goodwill with God and Men; he administred Joy to his Friends, Punishment to ill Men, and Glory to Posterity: He resign'd his Soul to God, and was buried in a fair Monument erected in that Priory.

*Quo Warr.
6 Ed. 1.*

Upon a *Quo Warranto*, 6 *Edw. I.* the Prior of *St. Bartholomew*, London, claimed by the Charters of *H. II.* and *H. III.* to have in all their Lands, Soc, Sac, Tholl, Them, Flemenefrith, Hamsokene, Frethekene, Mundbrethe, Miskenning, Utley Wergelthef, Breach of the Peace, Shedding of Blood: And he also claimed to be quit from all Toll, Passage, Pontage, Stallage, Muster, Aides of the Sheriff, Shire, and Hundred, and from all secular Works; and he also claimed to have the View of Franc-pledge by the same Charters, and upon the View of them, these Priviledges were allowed.

The Monument erected to the Memory of *Radhere* in this Priory, was renewed by *Bolton* the last Prior of that House, who surrender'd that Monastery, *Anno Christi*, 1538, 30 *H. VIII.* which was then valued at 575*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* ob. by the Year; but in the *Monasticon* at 653*l.* 15*s.* ob. *q.* and by the Dissolution of this Priory, this Mannor came to the Crown, King *H. VIII.* by Grant dated the 20th of July, *Anno 35 Regni sui*, granted it and the Advowson of this Church, to *John Brocket*, *John Alway*, and *Nicholas Bristow*, in Fee, which last lived to a great Age; from him it came to *Nicholas* his Son, who had Issue *Nicholas* that did succeed him; and after his Death it came to *Nicholas* his Son, who gave it to *Robert* his second Son; who had Issue *Robert* and *Nicholas*, both whom, I suppose, died without Issue in his Life-time, for at his Death it descended to *William* the younger Son, who lately died leaving his Wife surviving, the present Lady hereof.

Stephen Bourstal, in Holderness in the County of York, married the Daughter of John Faucet.

Thomas Bourstal, married the Daughter of Herbert of Luton.

Richard Bourstal, Steward to William de Fortibus, Earl of Holderness, tempore H. III.

John Bourstal, married the Daughter of Sir Roger Nonall, Kt.

Thomas Bourstal, married, 1 Isabel, Daughter of Sir William Hilliard of Normanby.
2 Ann, Daughter of Jo. Holme.

Ralph Bourstal, married Alice, Daughter of John Alford, Esq.

Margaret, married Philip Wames.

John Bourstal, married the Daughter of Robert Boynton, Esq.

Youngest Daughter married Robert Mapleton of Mapleton.

Nicholas Bourstal, married 1 Jane, Daughter of Sir Robert Brigham, Kt. 2 Amy, Daughter of Sir Roger Kelke, Kt.

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Jane, married Ro. Staunton. Anthony Bourstal, married Daughter of Gabriel Dursley, married W. Constable. St Quinton.

John Bourstal, married 1 Jane, Daughter of Sir Jo. Botham, 2 Winifride, Daughter of John Constable. And he had Issue by his first Wife.

Robert Bourstal, married Daughter of John Gray.

John Bourstal married Joane Dalby.

Robert Bourstal, married the Daughter of Marmaduke Maines, Esq.

Simon Bourstal, alias Bristow mar. Da. and Heir of John Shatterton.

Elizabeth, sole Daughter and Heir of Robert Bourstal, married George Dakin.

John Bristow, married the Daughter and Heir of John Hewet.

Humphry Dakin, married the Daughter of Tho. Bovington.

Nicholas Bristow, married Emme, the Daughter of Barley.

Helerie Dakin, married the Daughter of Constable.

Nicholas, married Margaret, Daughter of Sir John Boteler.

Richard Dakin, married the Daughter of John Belton.

Nicholas Bristow, married Eliz. the Da. of Tho. Pinder of Winchester.

Robert Bristow, married Elizabeth, Daughter of Richard Scriven.

Robert Bristow. Nicholas Bristow. William Bristow.

THIS Church is situated in the middle of the Parish, upon a dry Hill, in the Deanery of Hertford, in the Diocese of Lincoln, and is dedicated to St. Lawrence, Anno 26 Henry VIII. it was valued in the King's Books at 7l. 8s. 6d. per Annum, and William Bristow, Esq. is the present Patron hereof.

THE RECTORS.

Mr. John de Winchcombe

Mr. Thomas Porter

Mr. John Read

Mr. Hepburne, a Scotchman

Mr. George Wiltshire

Mr. Henry Sykes, who rebuilt the Chancel, the Parsonage House, and repaired all the Out-houses belonging to it An. 1694.

Mr. Carter, is the present Rector.

This Church contains only the Body covered with Lead, and at the East End hereof are two Chancels; the Windows of both have been adorn'd with curious Pictures, in stained and painted Glass, beyond many other Churches; there is a Chapel that belongs to the *Bristows*, which has a curious wrought Window, in carved Stone, and is adorn'd with painted Glass, wherein are the King's Arms, and the Arms of the *Bristows*. At the West End of the Church, adjoyns a square Tower, wherein are two small Bells; it hath a short Spire erected upon it, and within the Church and Chancel, are several Grave Stones with these Inscriptions.

One fair Tomb hath this Inscription in Brass, the rest of the Brass being lost.

Quisquis eris, qui transieris, sta, perlege, plora;
Sum quod eris, eramq; quod es; yrs m'r, p'xor ora.

" Such

On a fair Stone, lying in the Arch in the Passage, between the two Chancels.

— Dom. Johan. de Wynchcombe Quondam Rectoris hujus Ecclesie.

A large Monument stands by the Wall without any Inscription; but the Inhabitants have a Tradition, that the two Effigies were Sir John Barr and his Lady.

Who this was that was buried here, I cannot say; but I think it was Sir John Barr, as it is said in the old records.

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A fair Monument in Marble, having the Pourtraiture of *Nicholas Bristow*, Esq, his Wife, and six Sons, and seven Daughters.

In the North Wall.

Here lyeth the Body of *Nicholas Bristow*, Esq; in his Life time Lord of this Manuor of *Laurence-Spot*; who died the 19th. of April, anno Dom. 1636. He had by his Wife *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Pinder* of *Warrchester*, in *Com. Hamp.* Esq; Deputy of *Portsmouth*; Issue six Sons and seven Daughters, which *Elizabeth* at her proper Charges, in Memory of her deceased Husbände rected this Monument.

On the South Side of the same Chancel, a Monument is built about a Yard high, and eight Foot long, and a Yard in breadth, which has the Effigies of a Man and a Woman in Brass.

Hereunder lieth the Bodies of *Nicholas Bristow*, Esq; and *Emme*, his Wife, which served the noble Princes King *Henry the Eighth*, King *Edward*, Queen *Mary*, Queen *Elizabeth*, and died the day of anno 15—

The Effigies of

Eight Sons.

Four Daughters.

In Brass.

On a Marble Stone in the middle of the South Chancel are these Inscriptions

Master Thomas Porter, Clerk, was buried, June the 8th 1635.

Mrs. Agnes Porter his Wife was buried, Jan. 21 1636.

Here also lieth the Body of *Mrs. Mary Marston*, sole Daughter and Heir of the said *Mr. Porter*, Widow of *Mr. Joseph Marston* of *Warrhall* in *Warrchester*, aged 87 years. She died June the 5th and was buried on the 8th, 1675. just fifty years after her aforesaid Father.

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Mr. Ralph Skinner of *Warrhall*, Gent. gave 5l. to the Poor of this Vill.

Now I shall conclude the first Part of this Hundred with this Town, and proceed to the second Part, which contains the Vills and Hamlets of *Datchworth*, *Watton*, *Sacombe*, *Little Mundon*, *Great Mundon*, *Benington*, *Walkerne*, and *Aston*.

The second Part of the third Division.

DECEWIRTH, DATCHWORTH, THETCHWORTH.

IN old time, some of the Saxon Kings granted four Hides in this Vill, by the Name of *Deceworth*, to the Monastery of *St. Peters Church* at *Westminster*, which Name came from the Mansion or Dwelling-house of some Possessor thereof, for the Syllable *Wyrth* imports as much.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 1.*

In Bradeewater Hundred. Archiepiscopus Lanfrancus in Baccorbe, et Anachitil de eo tenuit unam Hidam. Terra est duo Car. in Dom. un. Car. et tres Vill. cum duobus Bord. habentibus un. Car. pratum dimid. Bovi, Silva l Porc. valet xxx sol. quando recepit xx sol. tempore Regis Edwardi lx sol. hanc terram tenuit Aluric Blac de Abbate Westmonast. tempore Regis Edwardi, nec poterat eam ab Ecclesia separare ut Hundret. testatur. sed pro aliis terris homo Stigandi. Archiep. fuit.

In Baccorbe tenuit Abbas de Westmonast. tres Hidas, et un. Virgat. Terra est tres Car. in Dom. duo Hide, et ibi est un. Car. et sex Vill. haben-

tes duo Car. ibi duo cotar. pratum dimid. Car. Pastura ad pec. Silva l Porc. valet et valuit et xl sol. tempore Regis Edwardi lx sol. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dom. Ecclesie Sancti Petri.

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Ibid. fol. 155.

Archbishop Lanfranc and Ansketil held of him one Hide in **Bachworth** in the Hundred of **Bradewater**. The arable is two Carucates, in Demeasne one Carucate, and three Villains with two Bordars having one Carucate, Meadow half an Oxgang, Wood to feed fifty Hogs; it is worth thirty Shillings a Year, when he received it twenty Shillings a Year, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) sixty Shillings a Year. **Alric Blac** held this Land of the Abbot of **Westminster**, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) neither could he separate it from the Church, as the Hundred can witness, but there was a Man (under the Protection) of **Stigan** the Archbishop for the other Lands.

The Abbot of **Westminster** held three Hides and one Virgate, in **Bachworth**; the arable is three Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides, and there is one Carucate and six Villains having two Carucates, there are two Cottagers, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed fifty Hogs; it is worth, and was worth, forty Shillings a Year, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) sixty Shillings a Year. This Mannor did lye and now doth lye, in the Jurisdiction of the Church of **St. Peters**.

William, the Abbot of **Westminster**, held this Mannor in the fourth Year of **Richard I.** when a Fine was levied by the Assent of **William de Bockland**, who was a Tenant to the Abbot of **Westminster**, of the Vill of **Bachworth**, and the Concord or Agreement was, *That the Clerk which Hugh or his Heirs shall present to the said Church, before his Institution or Admission to the said Church, shall swear in the Chapter of Westminster, that he shall yearly pay to the said Abbot and Convent, and to their Successors, twenty Shillings sterling.*

*De Fin. levat.
4 Rich. I. cur
recept. Scac.*

John de Wanton by his Deed dated 17 **Edw. I.** granted to Sir **William de Hameldon** 200 Acres of Land and eight Acres of Meadow, with the Appurtenances in **Godeburp**, **Schepdon**, **Baronsfeld**, **Postecroft**, and **Chirchfeld**, and all the Grove called **Baronsgrobe** in **Bachestworth**; to hold of him, paying a Penny a Year Rent in lieu of all Services.

*Pat. 17 Ed. I.
Rol. 26, Herts
cur. recept.
in Scac.*

Gilbert de Prochein and **Eustace** his Wife granted in free and perpetual Alms, the Church of **Bachet** with all its Appurtenances, free from all secular Services, to God and the Church of **St. Alban**, to find Ornaments for the Church of **St. Alban**, by the Hand of the Sacrist; and they levied a Fine of the Advowson of the said Church of **Bachet**, to the Abbot and his Successors for ever, in the King's Court at **Westminster**, on the Morrow of **St. John Baptist**, Anno 22 **H. III.** before **Robert de Leyniton**, **William de Colewone**, **Hugh Gifford**, **Hugh de Gatton**, and others, Justices of our Lord the King.

*De Fin. levat.
22 H. III. B.
R. in cur. re-
cept. Scac.*

Helie of **Bachestworth**, and **Gilbert** her Son and Heir apparent, gave forty Acres of Land, and **Walter** of the **Osake** gave seventeen Acres of Land, and **Ivo de Birston** gave half an Acre of Land in the Vill of **Bachestworth** to the Church of **St. Alban**; all which Grants were confirmed by King **Henry I.**

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The Abbots of ~~Westminster~~ ^{Westminster} enjoy'd this Mannor until the fatal Year of their Dissolution, when it came to King *Henry VIII.* who chang'd this Monastery *Anno 33 Regni sui*, into a Bishoprick, but *Thomas Thirlby*, the new Bishop of this Place, dilapidating all the Patrimony thereof, the Bishoprick was dissolved, whereupon King *Edward VI.* by Patent dated 2 April, 4th of his Reign, granted it to *Nicholas Ridley*, then Bishop of London, and his Successors, to hold in free, pure, and perpetual Alms, paying yearly to the King one hundred Pounds, at the Feast of the Birth of our Lord; and since it is come successively to *Henry Compton*, now Lord Bishop of London, who is the present Lord hereof, and has Jurisdiction of the Leet.

But the Court Baron of this Mannor now called *Witchworth-burp*, was in Possession of *Richard Connet* of *Sussex*, Esq. in the time of *Henry VII.* from which *Connet* it was conveyed to one *Forster*, in whose Name it continued till it came to *Richard Forster* of *St. Albans*, Yeoman, who sold it to *John Gamon* of *Aston*, Clerk, in the time of King *James I.* from whom it descended to *Richard Gamon* his Son and Heir, who lately sold it to *William Wallis*, Esq. the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannor of THEISCOTE, or THETCHWORTH

'TIS recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of *Terra Roberti de Olgi*.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 137, nu.
19.

Robertus de Olgi et Rand. Basset de eo tenuit Theiscote, pro quatuor hidis se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro duabus. Terra est quatuor car. in Dom. sunt duo, et tres Vill, et dimid, cum ii Sochman. de una hida, et quinq; bord. habent ii car. ibi unus cotar. et unus servus, et un. Molin. de decem sol. prat. iii car. inter totum val. lxx sol. Quando recepit quatuor lib. tempore Regis Edwardi c sol. Hoc Manerium tenuerunt quinq. Soch. horum duo hom. Brictrici unum hidam et dimid. habuerunt et alii duo homines Osulsi filii Franc. unam hidam et dimid. et quintus homo Edmer Attale i hid. tenuit. Nullus eorum Antecessorum Wigot pertinuit, sed unus quiaq; terram suam vendere potuit, horum unus terram suam emit a W. Rege novem unc. auri et Hom. de Hundred. testantur et postea ad Wigot se vertit pro protectione.

In Wolchamgr tenuit Martellus de Roberto Olgi dimid hid. Terra est un. car. et ibi est cum duo cotar. et duo servis, prat. un. car. Silca ii porc. val. et valuit decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. sol. hanc terram tenuit Aluric Wallef Comitiss, et vendere potuit.

The Land of Robert de Olgi.

Robert de Olgi and Ralph Basset held Thetchworth of him, it was rated for four Hides in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) and now for two, the arable is four Carucates, in Demeasne are two, and three Villaines and an half, with two Socmen of one Hide and five Bordars, having two Carucates, there is one Cottager, and one Servant, and one Mill of ten Shillings Rent, Meadow three Carucates. In the whole it is worth seventy Shillings a Year, when he received it four Pounds a Year; in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) an hundred Shillings; five Socmen held this Mannor, two of these, Men (under the Protection) of Brictric had one Hide and an half, and two others, Men (under the Protection) of Osulfe the Son of a Frenchman born, an Hide and an half, and the fifth a Man (under the Protection) of Edmer Attale held one Hide, none

of these but one belonged to *Wigot* the Ancestor; every one of these might sell his Land, one of these bought his Land of King *William* for nine ounces of Gold, as the Men of the Hundred can witness, and afterwards he turned himself over to *Wigot* for Protection.

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Martel held half an Hide of *Robert de Olgi* in *Bolchanger*. The arable is one Carucate, and it is there with two Cottagers and two Servants, Meadow one Carucate, Wood to feed two Hogs; it is worth and was worth ten Shillings Rent by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) twenty Shillings by the Year, *Aluric* a Man (under the Protection) of Earl *Wallef*, held this Land and might sell it.

This *Robert de Olgi* was one of those valiant *Normans* who attended Duke *William* in this famous Expedition, when he obtained the Conquest and Crown of England for which Service that King gave him four Lordships in *Werk-shire*, seven in *Buckinghamshire*, three in *Gloucestershire*, one in *Hertfordshire*, three in *Northamptonshire*, one in *Warwickshire*, eight and twenty in *Oxfordshire*, with two and forty Dwelling-houses in *Oxford*, and eight which then lay Waste, and thirty Acres of Meadow, adjoining to the Wall, and a Mill valued at ten Shillings a Year, and this Mannor in this County: He was Constable of *Oxford*, had the Government of the whole County, and was so potent that none durst oppose him; he seized a large Meadow near the Castle of *Oxford* by the King's Consent, which belonged to the Monks of *Abingdon*, to his own Use, this exasperated them so much, that they with Tears prostrating themselves before the Altar of our Lady, prayed to God that he would vindicate this Injury; whereupon a grievous Sickness fell upon him; yet he continued Impenitent, till by a Vision in the Night, he had a perfect Representation that he saw a great many Nobles in a royal Pallace, and a beautiful Person among them, clothed in the Habit of a Woman, sitting on a glorious Throne, with two Monks of *Abingdon*, whom he knew, standing before her: When these Monks saw him there, they bowed to the Lady and with deep Sighs said, this is he who has taken from us that Meadow, which was the Inheritance of thy Church, for which we make this Complaint. This moved the Lady so much, that she commanded that he should be turned out of Doors, and be conveyed to that Meadow to be tormented there; immediately two young Men led him thither, and caused him to sit down, which done, divers ill-favour'd Children brought Hay on their Shoulders, and laughing said to each other, here is our dear Friend, let us play with him; then laying down their Burdens they pissed on him, and putting Fire underneath, smoaked him; others made Ropes of Hay, and threw them in his Face; others burnt his Beard, and whilst he was in this Anguish, he called out aloud, Oh! blessed Lady, have pity on me, for I am dying. His Wife lying near, being affrighted at it, said, awake Sir, for you are much troubled in your Sleep. He being thus

*Demand. Lib.
in totis Com.*

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 136.*

*Hind. of
Waddestate*

roused up, reply'd, Yes truly, for I was among Devils; to whom she answered, The Lord preserve thee from all Harm: Then he telling his Dream, she said, God doth correct his Child whom he loveth.

'Tis reported, at her Instance he shortly after went to Abingdon, and standing there before the Altar, in the Presence of Abbot *Reginald*, the whole Covent, and divers of his Friends, he gave them *Admetone*, a Lordship of ten Pounds *per Annum*, protesting that he would never more meddle with any of their Possessions: He also gave them 100*l.* towards the new building of their Monastery; he repaired divers ruinous Churches in Oxford, and built the Bridge there: He died in the Month of *September*, and was buried at Abingdon, on the North Side of the high Altar, and his Wife was buried on his left Hand, but leaving no Issue male,

Nigel his Brother succeeded, of whom I read nothing more, but that he left Issue

Robert, who delivered up his Castle in Oxford, to Queen *Maud*, Anno 6 *Steph.* when she came with much Triumph from *Winchester* thither, and he left

Henry, who was his Heir, Constable to the King and Sheriff of *Oxfordshire*, from the third to the sixth Year of King *H. II.* but I do not find how long this Mannor continued in this Family, nor cannot learn what particular Part of this Vill does now bear this Name, but that sometimes the whole Vill is called *Chetworth*, and sometimes *Datchworth*.

The RECTORY.

Anno 1347, 21 *Edw. III.* *Thomas de Lamere*, Abbot of *St. Albans*, and the Covent there, granted the Right of Patronage of this Church of *Datchworth* to the King and his Heirs, in Consideration whereof the King released to them one Pension of 5*l. per Annum*, which they paid to one of the King's Chaplaines, till he was preferred, which the King claimed from them, because his Progenitors had been Founders of the Abby.

This Advowson was afterwards granted to the Lord *Morley*, upon whose Decease it came to

Alice his Sister, who married Sir *Edward Howard*, Kt. afterwards they sold this Advowson by Deed dated the 8th of *April*, 21 *H. VII.* with the Mannor of *Waltham* to Sir *William Capell*, Kt. from whom it is now come to *Algernon* Earl of *Essex*, who is the present Patron hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 *H. VIII.* was rated at the yearly Value of 14*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* in the King's Books.

The RECTORS.

Mr. Alsop

John Hacket, D.D. afterwards
Bishop of Botolph and Con-
nar in Ireland

Mr. Charles Baggerly

Mr. Gale, a Frenchman, the pre-
sent Rector.Hund. of
Bradeewater

This Church is situated upon a great Hill, in the Deanery of Hertford, in the Diocese of Ely, and contains the Body covered with Lead, to which a Chancel covered with Tyle is annexed on the East, and a square Tower at the West End, in which is a Ring of five small indifferent Bells, the Tower is covered with Lead, and hath a small Shaft erected upon it, but I found nothing of Remark in the Church or Chancel.

WATON AT STONE.

ABOUT three Miles distant from Batchworth lies Waton in a Vale, upon the River Beane or the Benefician, it derived its Name from the Springs that abound there, which greatly augment this Stream, for *Wat* in the Saxon Language signifies a moist and watry Place. In the time of William the Conqueror, it was recorded that

In Bradeewater Hundred in Watons tenuit Anschitillus de Archiepisc. duo hidæ et dimid. Terra est sex car. in Dom. est una, et alia potest fieri, ibi tres Vill. cum Presbitero et duobus bord. habentibus duas car. et alia duo possunt fieri, pratum dimid. car. Silva centum porc. pastura ad pec. et duo Molendini de Septemdecim sol. valet et valuit 1 sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor lib. De Hac terra tenuit Aluric Blac duo hid. de Abbate Westminster. non poterat separare ab Ecclesia, et Almer dimid. hid. tenuit homo ejusdam Alurici, et vendere potuit.

In Watons tenuit eisd. Abbas un. hid. Terra est duo car. in Dom. est una, et quatuor bord. habentes un. car. ibi duo cotar. et un. Molin. de duobus sol. pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. valet et valuit decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi xx sol. Hac terra jacuit in Ecclesia St. Petri.

Comes Alanus tenuit in Watons un. hid. et dimid. Godvinus tenuit de eo. Terra est iv car. in Dom. possunt duo fieri, ibi tres bord et duo cotar. habentes ii car. pratum duobus bobus, pastura ad pec. valet et valuit vigint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi trigint. sol. hanc terram tenuit Godvinus de Ecclesia Sti. Petri, non poterat vendere, sed post mortem ejus debebat ad Ecclesiam redire ut Hundred. testatur, sed Uxor ejus cum hac terra vertit se per vim ad Eddevam pulchram et tenebat eam die qua Rex Edunardus fuit vivus et mortuus. De hac terra sumpta sunt sexdecim acre post. adventum Regis Will. quas modo tenet Anschitillus de Ros sub Archiep. et tamen Comes Alanus acquiescat eas de geldo Regis.

Dorman et Aluwardus tenuerunt de Rege Watons pro quinq; hidis se defendebat. Terra est septem car. in Dom. tres hide et dimid. et ibi sunt duo car. et adhuc dimid. potest fieri, ibi decem Vill. cum quatuor bord. habentibus quatuor car. et dimid. ibi quatuor servi, et un. Molin. de tresdecim sol. et quatuor denar. pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. Inter totum valet et valuit centum sol. tempore Regis Edwardi septem lib. hanc terram tenuit Aluvinus Horne teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.

Anschitill held two Hides and an half of Archbishop Lanfranc in Watons in Bradeewater Hundred The arable is six Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and another may be made, there are three Villains with the Parson and two Bordars having two Carucates, and two others may be made, Meadow half a Carucate, Wood to feed one Hundred Hogs, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, and two Mills of seventeen Shillings Rent by the Year, it is worth and was worth, fifty Shillings by the Year; in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) four Pounds by the Year, Aluric Blac held two Hides of this Land of the Abbot of Westminster, he could not separate it from the Church, and Almer a Man (under the Protection) of the same Aluric held half an Hide and might sell it.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 437.

*Head. of
Bradewater*

The same Abbot held one Hide in ~~Wotton~~ *Wotton*. The arable is two Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and four Bordars, having one Carucate, there are two Cottagers, and one Mill of four Shillings Rent, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; it is worth, and was worth, ten Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twenty Shillings by the Year. This Land lies in the Jurisdiction of the Abbot of St. Peter.

Earl Alex held one Hide and an half in ~~Wotton~~ *Wotton*, Godwine held it of him. The arable is four Carucates, in Demeasne two more may be made, there are three Bordars and two Cottagers having two Carucates, Meadow for two Oxen, Common of Pasture for the Cattle; it is worth and was worth twenty Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) thirty Shillings by the Year: Godwine held this Land of the Church of St. Peter, he could not sell it, but after his death it ought to return to the Church, as the Hundred can witness, but his Wife turn'd over herself with the Land by force to fair Eddeva, and she held it on the Day wherein King Edward (the Confessor) was alive and dead. Sixteen Acres of this Land were bought since the coming of King William, which *Anschitill de Ros* holds, now under the Archbishop, and yet Earl Alex discharged it of the King's Tax.

Derman and *Alward* two Thanes of the King held ~~Wotton~~ *Wotton* of the King, it was rated for five Hides, the arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides and an half, and there are two Carucates, and now half another may be made, there are ten Villains with four Bordars having four Carucates and an half, there are four Servants, and one Mill of thirteen Shillings and four Pence Rent, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; in the whole it is worth and was worth one hundred Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) seven Pounds by the Year, *Alwine Horne* a Thane of King Edward (the Confessor) held this Land and might sell it.

Derman and *Alward* were two Thanes or Gentleman Retainers of King William the Conqueror, who did personally attend upon the King, and held these Lands of him by the Service of their Duty, and Attendance upon his Person so long as they held this Office or Place under him; but not long after, I find most of those Lands and Estates were granted to

Peter de Valoines, who held them in the time of H. I. and married *Albreda* Sister to *Eudo Dapifer*, Steward to that King, by whom he had Issue

Roger, who was his Heir, enjoy'd these Lands and married *Agnes*, by whom he had Issue *Peter*, *Robert*, and *Gunnora*; he obtained from *Maud* the Empress all those Lands which his Father died seiz'd of.

Peter his Heir succeeded, married *Gundred de Warren*, and by her had Issue three Daughters, *Lora* the Wife of *Alexander de Bailyoll*, 2 *Christian* married to *William de Mandevile*, afterwards to *Peter de Main*, and 3 *Isabel* called by some *Elizabeth*, married to *David Comyne*, who were his Daughters and Coheirs; and upon the Partition, this Mannor of ~~Wotton~~ *Wotton* fell to the Part of *Lora* Wife of *Alexander de Bailyoll*, Brother to *John de Bailyoll*, King of Scotland, who granted it to

Robert Aquillon who attended the King Anno 42 H. III. well fitted with Horse and Armes, to restrain the Incursions of the *Welch*; was constituted Sheriff of the County of

Surry, Anno 46 H. III. held that Office for six Years together, then was made Governor of the Castle of **Gilford**; he married **Jone** Daughter of **William Ferrars**, Earl of **Derby**, one of the Coheirs of **Walter Marshall**, Earl of **Bembrook**, who died Anno 49 H. III. Shortly after he married **Margaret de Ripariis**, Countess of **Debon**, Anno 53 Hen. III. by whom he had Issue **Isabel**, and upon a *Quo Warranto* brought Anno 6 Edw. I. before **John Rygate** and others, Justices Itinerants at **Hertford**, he claimed to have Free-warren, and a Fair every Year, to continue for three Days together in his Mannors of **Whetton**, **Addington**, and **Hertinges**, by the Grant of King **Henry III.** and upon the View thereof they were allowed; and he died the same Year, leaving

*Hund. of
Bradewater
Rot. Pip. 46
H. III.*

*Quo Warr. 6
E. I. Rot. 36,
cur. recept.
Scac.*

Isabel his Daughter and Heir, married, as I suppose, to **Henry le Mire**, for it was found Anno 6 Edw. I. he was Lord of **Whetton**, and gave one Messuage, five Acres of Land, and five Acres of Wood to the Chaplain of **Whetton**, and it was worth forty Shillings *per Annum*, but in the same King's Reign, this Mannor came to the Possession of

Eudo Pellitot, who married **Flora** the Daughter and Heir of **Philip Daubeny**, by whom he had Issue

Philip, on whom **Edw. III.** conferr'd the Honour of Knighthood: He served the King for this County in four several Parliaments, whereof two were held Anno 6 Edw. III. another 11 Edw. III. and another Anno 22 Edw. III. He had Issue by **Isabel** his Wife, **William** and **Katharine**, and died seiz'd of this Mannor, Anno 1361, 35 Edw. III. it descended to

*Prin's Parl.
Brev. p. 3,
43 H. V.*

William, who was his Heir, enjoyed it awhile, and dying without Issue, it came to

Katharine, who was his Sister and Heir, and married **Ralph Boteler** of **Pultrick**, descended from the Barons of **Oversley**, **Wem**, and **Sudeley**, of which Family I have found this Account.

*Register de
Kenilworth,
p. 144.*

In the Reign of **Henry I.** **Ralph Boteleir**, called **Randolphus Pincerna de Legrecestria** in Regard he bore the Office of Butler to **Robert** Earl of **Mellent** and **Leicester**, (a great Man in that time) settled himself at **Oversley** in the County of **Warwick**, where taking Advantage of the natural Ascent of the Ground near the Stream called **Strow**, he built a strong Castle, and founded a Monastery for Benedictine Fryars, within a Mile of it, Anno 1140, 5 Steph. and dedicated it to the Honour of the blessed Virgin **Mary**, St. **Anne** her Mother, St. **Joseph**, St. **John** Baptist, St. **John** the Evangelist, and all Saints.

*Bar. of Engl.
vol. 1, fol. 594.*

*Mon. of Engl.
vol. 1, fol. 474.*

Robert his Son and Heir succeeded, and gave the Church of **Chedington** in that County to the Canons of **Leicester**; he left Issue

*Ibid. vol. 2,
fol. 309.
Register de
Abbay de Leic
in Bib. Bodl.
fol. 19.*

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Bradewater*

Claus. 1 H.
III. m. 19.

Pat. de eisdem
annis indora.

Plac. de Ban-
co, 4 Ed. I.]
Mich. Rot. 12.
indora.
Pat. de eisdem
annis indora.
Claus. 12 H.
III. indora.
Claus. 41 H.
III. indora in
schedula.

Pat. 50 H. III.
m. 3.

Pat. 55 H. III.
m. 20.

Quo Warr.
6 Ed. I.

Inq. 15 Ed. I.
Inq. 18 Ed. I.

Ralph, who was his Heir, and gave the Chappel of *Stockton* to the Cannons of *Leicester*; but engaging with the Barons against King *John*, his Lands were seized and given to *William de Cantilupe*; at length submitting himself to his Prince, returning to his Obedience, and paying forty Marks for his Redemption, King *H. III.* 9 *Regni sui*, restored him to his Estate, and he had Issue

Ralph Boteler, who was one of the Justices of Assize for the County of *Warwick*, in the Years 13, 16, 21, and 25 *H. III.* and for the Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*, in the 19th, 22d, and 30th Years of *H. III.*

Ralph his Son succeeded, married *Maud* the Daughter and Heir of *Pantulfe*, by whom that great Lordship of *Warwick* in the County of *Salop*, and divers other fair Possessions, came to this Family. He was one of the Justices for Gaol-delivery at *Warwick*, in the Years 34 and 41 *H. III.* in which last Year, he was commanded to joyn with *Hamond le Strange* for preventing the Incursions of the *Welch* in the Marches near *Montgomery*: He was summon'd among the Peers, *Anno* 48 *H. III.* to advise the King, in Council held in *Midlent*, at *Oxford*, thence to advance against Prince *Lewellin* and his Adherents: But divers of the Barons arming themselves against the King; he stood so firm to the royal Interest, that the King granted the Lordship of *Kington* in the County of *Warwick*, Part of the Estate, which he had formerly given to *Nicholas de Segrave* for his Life, upon the same Terms as *Segrave* held it, as a Reward for his Services; and by another Grant dated about three Days following, he granted the Inheritance to him, but when *Segrave* redeemed his Lands, the Lordship of *Kington* was restored to him by that memorable Decree called *Dictum de Kenilworth*, and the King gave to this *Ralph*, four hundred Pounds in Lieu thereof, to be received out of the Fines and Amercements coming into his *Exchequer*. It was found upon Inquisition, that this *Ralph de Botiler* was Lord of *Warwick*, and held all the Mannor in *Capite* of the King, to wit, as a Baron, and did do his Suit by his Steward to the County and Hundred, for the whole Service of a Barony: And the Mannor is fourteen Hides, besides *Clifton* and *Elton*; and he had a Park and a Warren, but by what Warrant they knew not. By this Inquisition, it appears that this Barony of *Warwick* was a Barony by Tenure, the Nature of which Baronies I have discoursed before in *Ardeley*; and this *Ralph* died leaving Issue, *John*, *Gawen*, *William*, *Ralph*, and *Alice*.

John and *Gawen* succeeded in their Turns, but both of them dying without Issue, this Barony of *Warwick* descended to *William*, who succeeded, and married *Ankaret* the Neice of *James de Adithley*: He was summon'd to Parliament in

the 23d, 24th, 25th, and 27th Years of *Edw. I.* and dying at the latter End of the last Year, left

William, who inherited the Barony of *Arden*, and married *Margaret* Daughter of *Richard* Earl of *Strundell*, by whom he had Issue *William*, and died Anno 18 *Edw. III.*

William Boteler, who enjoyed the same Barony, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter of ——— *Handsaker*, but he dying without Issue, this Barony came to

Ralph Boteler, (the Son and Heir of Sir *Ralph Boteler* of *Pultreback* and *Forbury*, and *Maud* his Wife, the Daughter and Coheir of *Philip Marmion* of *Cannworth*,) was knighted, and married *Hawise* Daughter and Coheir of *Richard Gobion*, who brought the Mannor of *Gobions* to this Family; by her he had Issue *John*, who was knighted, *William*, and *Ralph*, all whom were bound to do their Service, and perform their Aid to the King, in the County of *Ches-ter*, which was to find a Robe of the Price of 20s. and pay 20s. 8d. for the Mannor of *Codington*, and the Grant was attested by Sir *John de Arden*, and Sir *John de Leigh*, Kts. *William de Cotton*, *John de Codington*, *Robert* Son of *Robert de Codington*, Anno 1330, 5 Regni Regis *Edw. III.* to which were three Seals, the first containing the Coat of Armes of the *Botelers*, with the Circumscription about the Seal, *Sigillum Radulfi Boteler*, the second containing a Coat of three Half-moons, with a bend Checque, and this Circumscription, *Sigillum Johan. Boteler*, and the third containing a Coat of Armes with two ——— and a Bend Checque between them, and this Circumscription, *Sigillum Willielmi Boteler*: this *Ralph* dying,

Ralph his Son succeeded him, and married *Katharine*, the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Philip Pelitot*, Kt. who died seized of this Mannor of *Goodhall*, from whom it descended to *Katharine* the Wife of this *Ralph Boteler*, by whom he had Issue, *Philip*, *Ralph*, and *Edward*.

Philip Boteler was their Heir, succeeded them in this Mannor, was knighted, and married *Isabel* the Daughter of ——— by whom he had Issue *Philip*, and died seized of the Mannors of *Wotham*, *Willesby*, *Wodenderby*, and *Coningsby*, &c. and this Mannor descended with the other to

Philip Boteler, who was his Heir, and held in Capite the Mannor of *Pultreback*, by the third Part of the Moiety of the Barony of *Arden*, which whole Barony was late *Hugh Kilpeck's* in the County of *Salop*, in the time of King *H. III.* He married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *John Cokayne*, who was constituted one of the Justices in the Court of *Common-pleas*, Anno 6 H. IV. by whom he had Issue *Edward* and *Philip*, and after her Decease, he married ——— the Daughter of ——— *Cheiny*, and was constituted Sheriff of *Essex* and *Berthford*. *Edward* the eldest Son dying without Issue, it came to

Hand. of
Bradewater

Inq. 18 Ed.
III.

Inq. 9 H. V.
Exc. 9 H. V.

Pat. 7 H. IV.
Origin. Jurid.

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Bradwater*

Philip Boteler, his younger Brother, who was his Heir, and at that time seven Years old; he married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of ———, by whom he had Issue *John*, and died 3 H. VI.

John Boteler was eight Years of Age at the Death of his Father, married *Constance* the Daughter of ——— *Downhall* of *Codington* in the County of *Northampton*, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Margaret*, *Dorothy*, and *Katharine*, and she died Anno 14—, and after her Decease, he married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of ———, who died the 28th of *October*, 1469, and *John Boteler* was his Heir; but now I will take a View of the Mannor of *Bardolfes*, till it came to this Family.

The Mannor of BARDOLFES,

DENOMINATED from the *Bardolfes*, who were Lords hereof for many Years; whereof the first that I meet with, was

Rot. Vascon.
22 Ed. I. m. 8,
indorso.
Ibid. 23 Ed. I.
m. 12.
Leland's Coll.
vol 1, fol. 680.
T. Walsing.
p. 27, nu. 40.
Rot. Scac. 33
Ed. I. m. 2.
Esc. 33 Ed. I.
n. 64.

Hugh Bardolfe, who was summon'd among the other Barons and great Men, in *June*, 22 *Edw.* I. to advise the King, touching the weighty Affairs of the Realm; and then attended him into *Crascogne*, where he had the hard Fate to be taken Prisoner by the King of *France*, at the Siege of *Risunce*, yet he continued in the King's Service, and was in that Expedition which the King made into *Scotland*; but died Anno 32 of the same King, leaving by *Isabel* his Wife,

Thomas his Son and Heir, at that time 22 Years of Age, who succeeded in this Mannor; he was invested Knight of the Bath Anno 34 *Edw.* I. with *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, and many others, at the Feast of *Pentecost*, had an Allowance of Robes out of the King's Wardrobe, for that Ceremony; and then marched with the Prince into *Scotland*; He died Anno 3 *Edw.* III. and was buried in the Priory at *Shelford* in the County of *Nottingham*, leaving

Esc. 3 Ed. III.
68.
Claus. 10 Ed.
III. m. 41
Claus. 9 Ed.
III. m. 41.
Esc. 34 Ed.
III. m. 41.

John Bardolfe his Son and Heir, then 17 Years old; he proved his Age Anno 9 *Edw.* III. did his Homage, and had Livery of his Lands. He married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *Roger de Damory*, by that great Lady, *Elizabeth de Burgh* his Wife, by whom he had a fair Inheritance; he had Issue by her *William*, and he died seized hereof on the 3d of *August*, 45 *Edw.* III. leaving

Esc. 45 Ed.
III. m. 14.

William Bardolfe his Heir, at that time 14 Years of Age. Queen *Philippa*, Wife to King *Edward* III. granted the Wardship and Marriage of him, Anno 40 *Edw.* III. to Sir *Michael Poynings*, Kt. to the Intent that he should marry *Agnes* Daughter of the said *Michael*: He proved his Age, did his Homage Anno 45 *Edw.* III. and had Livery of his Land: he was in that Expedition made into *France*, in the

Pat. 40 Ed.
III. p. 1. m. 37.

Claus. 45 Ed.
III. m. 14.

Year following, served the King in his Wars in Ireland, and died Anno 1394, 9 R. II. leaving

Thomas, who was 17 Years old at the Death of his Father, proved his Age Anno 13 R. II. did his Homage, and had Livery of his Inheritance; he joyn'd with *Henry* Earl of Northumberland, *Thomas* Earl Marshal and of Nottingham, and *Richard Scrope*, Archbishop of York, in the Insurrection made Anno 6 H. IV. where their Forces were routed; he fled into Scotland, and thence into Wales; but afterwards returning into England, engaged in Battel with the Sheriff of *Worcestershire*, where he was wounded, and soon after died of his Wounds, leaving

Anne the Wife of Sir *William Clifford*, Kt. and *Joane*, the Wife of *William Philip*, his Daughters and Coheirs, who petition'd the King for some of the Mannors which their Father had forfeited; and the King granted them after the Death of the Queen, to hold to them and the Heirs of their Bodies; whereof *William*, *Philip*, and *Joane* his Wife Anno 9 H. V. had Livery of their Purparty, and they had Issue

Elizabeth who married *Henry Beaumont*, whom King H. VI. by Patent dated the 18th Year of his Reign, advanced to the Honour and Dignity of a Viscount (a Title never used before in England) by the Name of Viscount *Beaumont*, with Precedency above all Barons of this Realm, and twenty Markes yearly Fee out of the Revenues of the County of Lincoln; and the same King, in Consideration of the great Loss which he sustained by the Death of *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *William Philip* Lord *Bardolf*, and the continual Services which he had performed for him, granted to him by another Patent dated 19 Regni sui, the Custody of all the Castles, Mannors, and Lands, which fell by the Death of his Wife, to *Henry* his Son and Heir, and in Case of his Death to *William* his younger Son, with Remainder to *Joane* his Daughter; and the same King farther granted by another Patent dated 23 H. VI. to him and the Heirs Males of his Body, Place and Precedence above all Viscounts, thenceforth to be created, as also above the Heirs of all Earls, and to take Place next and immediately unto Earls in all Parliaments and publick Meetings; he was summon'd to Parliament from the 10th to the 38th Year of H. VI. when the Duke of *Berk*, the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Salisbury*, sent from Calais divers Complaints to the King, among which one was against him, terming him his mortal Enemy, alledging that he had misled the King, procured his Consent to that Act of Parliament made against him at *Cobentry*, had destroyed his Estate: They soon after landing in England, fought the King at *Northampton* on the 10th of July, 38 H. VI. where obtaining the Victory, this Viscount *Beaumont* was slain, with many other Persons of Note.

Hund. of Bradwater

Esc. 9 R. II. n. 11, not.

Har. vol. 1, fol. 683.

Esc. 9 H. IV. n. 31.

Rot. Fin. 9 H. V. m. 10.

Pat. 18 H. VI. p. 2, m. 31.

Pat. 19 H. VI. p. 3, m. 4.

Pat. 23 H. VI. p. 2, m. 20.

Stow's Annals

Leland's Coll. vol. 1, fol. 714.

Esc. 38 H. VI.

Hund. of
Bradewater

Henry his eldest Son being then dead, *William* his second Son succeeded, and in Right of *Elizabeth* his Mother, had the Title of Lord *Barbours*, with a large Inheritance: He proved his Age and his Title the same Year, that he was born at *Edenham* in the County of *Lincoln*, and baptized in that Church on the Feast-day of *St. George* the Martyr, 16 H. VI. whereupon he had Livery of his Lands, his Homage being respited. He married *Elizabeth* Daughter to *Richard Scrope*, Brother to the Lord *Scrope* of *Bolton*; and after her Decease, to *Joane* Daughter of *Humphry* Duke of *Buckingham*; but adhering firmly to the Lancastrian Interest, he participated (as his Ancestors had done) of the hard Fate which soon after befel that Family, for he was taken Prisoner at *Townton-field*, Anno 1 *Edw.* IV. and attainted in the Parliament began at *Westminster* the same Year, at which time he was seiz'd of this Mannor, among divers others, which devolved to the Crown thereby.

Catal. of Nob.
by R. B.

Pat. 7 Ed. IV.

King *Edward* IV. by Patent dated the 25th of *July*, 7 *Regni sui*, granted this Mannor to

Ibid.

Rot. Pip. 9 &
13 Ed. IV.
tit. Norf.

Roger Ree, Esq. one of the Ushers to his Chamber, with several other Mannors, and the same King, by another Patent dated the 14th of *February* in the same Year, granted it to the said *Roger* and *William* his Son in Tail: *Roger* the Father was afterwards knighted, and constituted Sheriff of *Norfolk*, in the 9th and 13th Years of *Edw.* IV.

Pat. 15 Ed.
IV.

Roger the eldest Son dying without Issue, this Mannor came to *William* the second Son, who surrender'd these Patents to the King, in Consideration whereof, the King, by another Patent dated 31 *May*, 15 *Edw.* IV. 1475, granted this Mannor back again to him and his Heirs; from whom this Mannor, I suppose, was conveyed to

Rot. Pip. 5
11. VII. tit.
Essex & Hert.

John Boteler, who was at that time Lord of the former Mannor called *Wharton Woodhall*: He married *Dorothy* the Daughter of *Henry Belknap*, by whom he had no Issue; after her Decease, he wedded *Dorothy* the Daughter of *William Terrell*, of *Cipping*, by whom he had Issue *Philip*; and after her Decease he took to Wife *Katharine*, the Daughter of *Thomas Acton*, and was constituted Sheriff of the Counties of *Essex* and *Hertford*, Anno 5 H. VII.

Philip Boteler was his Heir, Lord of both Mannors, and married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Robert Drury* of *Walested* in the County of *Norfolk*, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Thomas*, *William*, *George*, *Griffith*, *John*, *Thomas*, *Henry*, *Anthony*, *Richard*, *Francis*, *Philip*, *Anne* married to *Leonard Hide*, Esq. *Elizabeth* to *Henry Gill*, and afterwards to *Edward Buggin*, *Dorothy* to *Anthony Brown* of *Rutlandshire*, *Mary* to *John Harpham*, *Katharine* to *Roger Potts*, *Margaret*, and *Bridget*: He was constituted Sheriff of the Counties of *Essex* and *Hertford*, Anno 29 H. VIII. and died the 28th of *March*, in the Year of Christ 1549.

Sir *John Boteler* was his Heir, inherited these Mannors, was constituted Sheriff of the Counties of *Hertford* and *Essex*, *Annis* 4 and 5 of *Philip* and *Mary*, and married *Gresil*, Daughter and Heir of Sir *William Roche* of *Lammer* in this County, by whom he had Issue *Philip*, *Henry*, *William*, *Richard*, *Nicholas*, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Henry Conisby*, *Mary* to *Thomas Shotbolt*, *Sarah* to *Robert Colt*, *Susan* to *Julius Ferrers*, *Margaret* to *Nicholas Bristowe*, and *Martha* to Sir *George Perient*, Kt.

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Sir *Philip Boteler*, Kt. succeeded in these Mannors, and married *Katharine* the Daughter of Sir *Francis Knowles*, Kt. and Widow to the Lord *Gerrard* of *Ireland*, by whom he had Issue *Robert*, *Philip*, *Christopher*, and *Penelope*; was constituted Sheriff of this County, 1578, 20 *Eliz.* and received the Honour of Knighthood in the same Year.

Robert his eldest Son was knighted at *Whitehall*, on the 30th of *March*, in the Year of our Lord, 1607, constituted Sheriff of this County, *Anno* 9 *Jac.* I. 1611, and married *Frances* the Daughter of Sir *Drew Drury*, by whom he had Issue *Jane*: He purchased the Mannors of *Satomb*, *Temple Chelston*, and *Chells* in this County, and upon his Death, *Jane* who was his Heir, enjoyed the Mannors which he purchased, but these Mannors came by Settlement to

*Rot. Pip. 9
J. I. tit.
Herta.*

Philip Boteler, who was his Brother, and the next Heir Male of that Family: He married *Alice* one of the Daughters of *John Shotbolt* of *Ardly* in this County, Esq. by whom he had Issue *John* and *Philip*.

John Boteler was his Heir, invested Knight of the Bath 1 *Car.* I. in Order to the Coronation of that King; and constituted Sheriff of this County, *Anno* 1630, 6 *Car.* I. These Knights were denominated from their bathing at their Creation; Mr. *Camden* says in all his Reading he could find no greater Antiquity of them, than that they were in Use among the ancient *French*: and *H. IV.* King of *England*, dubbed forty six Esquires, Knights of this Order in the *Tower*, on the Day of his Coronation, who washed and bathed the Night before they were knighted; and he gave to every of them green side Coats reaching to their Ankles, with strait Sleeves furr'd with Minivere, and they wore upon their left Shoulder two Cordons of white Silk, and Tassels to it hanging down; but I find that *Thomas Bardolfe*, and many others were made Knights of the Bath, *Anno* 34 *Ed.* I. with *Edward Prince of Wales*, as I have shewed before in this Parish; but I shall say no more of this Order, for that Sir *William Dugdale* has treated so largely of it in his Survey of *Hertfordshire*, to which I refer the Reader. This Sir *John Boteler* was a very loyal Subject to his Prince, and upon that grand Defection, *Anno* 1642, was made one of the Commissioners of Array in this County; and when

*Camd. Brit.
fol. 172.
Seld. tit. Hou.
p. 820.*

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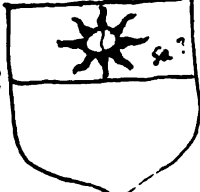
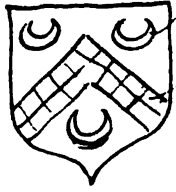
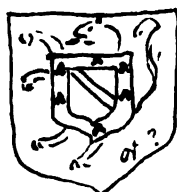
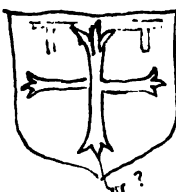
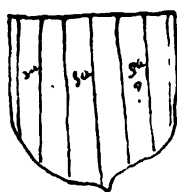
an Army was levied by the Influence of a predominant Party, in the Parliament then held at Westminster, under divers plausible Pretences, he supplied the King with Money to raise Men for the Security and Preservation of the Government, and the Safety of the People, for which Act, that rebellious Party committed him to *Ely-house* in *Dolborn*, where he was detained a long time, sequestered his Estate, made great Spoil and Havock thereof, and he died leaving Issue *Philip, John, Ralph*, ———, *Catharine* married to Sir *John Gore, Kt.* and *Elizabeth* to *Ralph Gore, Esq.* and he was buried in the Burying-place of his Ancestors adjoining to this Parish Church.

Philip was his Heir and succeeded, he married one of the Daughters of Sir *John Langham, Kt.* one of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, by whom he had Issue *John, Mary* married to Sir *William Gostwicke, of Wallington*, in the County of *Bedford, Kt.* and Bar. *Elizabeth* to ——— *Copley, Esq.* sometime Deputy Governor of *Bull*, and afterwards of the Province of *Maryland* in *America*, and *Anne*; he was made one of the Knights of the Bath, *Anno 12 Car. II.* to attend the Coronation of that King, a Deputy Lieutenant, and one of the Justices of the Peace for this County; he died *Anno 33 Car. II.* and was buried here by his Ancestors.

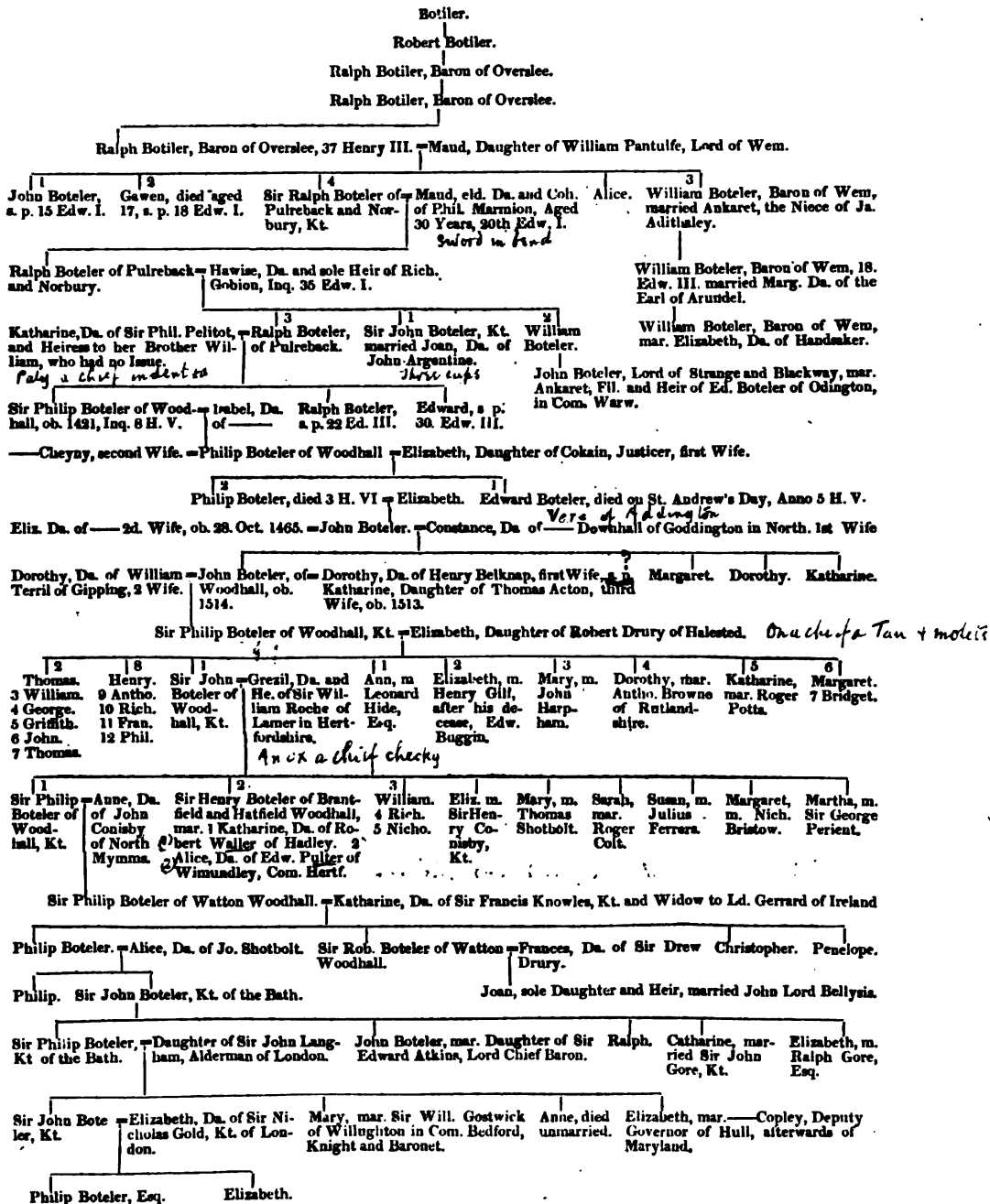
John Boteler was his only Son, knighted 10 Feb. 1676, 28 Car. II. constituted Sheriff of this County *Anno 1680, 32 Car. II.* married *Elizabeth* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *Nicholas Gould* of the City of *London, Kt.* by whom he had *Philip* and *Elizabeth*, died *Anno Car. II.* and was buried near his Father at *Watton at Stone*; he constituted by his Will Sir *Richard Spencer* of *Chilley, Bar.* and *John Boteler, Esq.* Brother to his Father Sir *Philip Boteler*, Guardians to his Son *Philip*, and *Elizabeth* his Daughter, both whom are now living, and the said *Philip* is the present Lord of these Mannors; his Armes are *Gules, a Fess counter-compony Argent and Sable, between six Crosselets of the first; Crest on a Wreath, a dexter Arm embowed in Armour Argent garnish'd, holding a Sword proper, Hilt and Pomel Gold.* *Motto. Aveo dei valent.*

The Mannor-house of *Woodhall*, the ancient Seat of this knightly Family consists of a large Pile of Brick, with a fair Quadrangle in the Middle of it, seated upon a dry Hill in a pleasant Park, well wooded and greatly Timber'd, where divers christal Springs issue out of the Ground, at some Distance before the House, which run on the South Side hereof to the *Beane*: They do greatly adorn the Seat, and the Park, and the Hills, the Timber Trees, and these Waters render this Place so very pleasant and delicious to the Eye, that it is accounted one of the best Seats in this County.

Visitant at manor Higham Gobion with Arms of Boteler, Crest of Puller, and twelve shields apparently (some certainly) of Boteler wives. Other five:



THE PEDIGREE OF THE BOTELERS.



① in a bend a tree three leaves. Crest a tree on a rock

② Two birds a bird in chief " a bears head muzzed out

Seven shields of twelve at Higham Gobion

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Westmin. 2,
cap. 42.

Doddridge's
Treat. of Nob.
p. 69, 70, 71.

'Tis observable that this noble Family descended from these Barons of ~~Kilpeck, Whem, Obersley, Sudesley, and~~ *Scribbley*, who were Barons by Tenure, such as I have mentioned in *Arbley*, but they who doubt whether there were any such Baronies, may be satisfied upon the View of the Stat. of ~~Westminster~~, which directs that Fees shall be paid to the Earl-Marshal and Lord-Chamberlain, when every such Baron shall do his Homage to the King, whether the Baron held by whole Barony or less; and every such Baron held his Barony, Honour, Castle, or Mannor, by Grand-Serjeanty; and might grant or alien it by License from the King, and if such Grant or Alienation was made for the Continuance of the Barony in his own Name and Blood and Issue-Male; or else was made for Money or other Recompence to a Stranger, the Purchaser held and enjoy'd the Name, Stile, Title, and Dignity of a Baron to him and his Heirs, according to the Grant; but if any such Baron granted or aliened his Castle, Honour or Mannor so held *per Baroniam*, without License of the King, he forfeited it to the King, because Baronies were the Strength of the Realm, and the Kingdom would have been weakened thereby, and base Persons ennobled without desert of Vertue or Prowess, therefore they were seized into the King's Hands upon such Forfeiture, and the Dignity and Estate extinguisht in the Crown from whence it was derived: and I find that by the Grant and Alienation of these Baronies, this honourable Family lost these Honours.

THE Rectory, Anno 36 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 19*l*. 8*s*. 6*d*. per Ann. and the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons hereof.

The RECTORS.

Mr. Inglesby
Mr. Richard Vines.
— Shute, D. D.
Mr. Samuel Bandy

John Sawel, D. D.
Mr. Wright Burditt,
Mr. William Bookey.

This Church is situated upon the Side of an Hill, near the Town, in the Deanery of *Bertford*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, is covered with Lead, and a fair Chapel is erected on the North Side of the Chancel, and a fair Tower adjoins the West End of the Church, wherein is a small Ring of six untuneable Bells, and the Tower is covered with Lead, and hath a short Shaft upon it.

Within the Chancel and the Chapel are some Grave Stones which have these Inscriptions.

Hic jacent Johannes Butler, Armiger, et Katharina filia Thomæ Acton, generosi; Dorothea una etiam filiarum Henrici Belknap, Armigeri, uxor Johannis Boteler, ante dicti qui quondam Johannes obiit undecimo die mensis Maii, Anno Dom. millesimo quingentesimo et decimo quarto, et dicte Katharina decimo octavo die Augusti Anno Dom. millesimo quingentesimo decimo tertio.

The Effigies of a Man and his three Wives are engraved in Brass, with their several Coats of Arms.

Hic jacet Johannes Buteler Scutiger, quondam Dominus de Wodehall, ac Patronus istius Ecclesie, qui obiit Anno Dom. millesimo _____
Item hic jacet Elizabetha Buteler, quondam uxor predicti Johannis Buteler qui obiit Anno Dom. millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo nono diebus octavo die mensis Octobris.

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Item hic jacet Constanta Buteler, quæ quondam uxor ejusdem Johannis, obiit Anno Dom. millesimo quadringentesimo.

*In a Border round a Stone is this Inscription.*

Hic gist Monsieur \_\_\_\_\_ Peletot Chevalier, Qui morust le 14. sur d. Aust L'an. de Grace Mill. CCC \_\_\_\_\_

*The Pourtraicture of a Man in Brass.*

I suppose this was the Stone that covered sir Philip Peletot, who died in the Year of our Lord 1661.

Hic jacet Richardus Buteler de Stapleford in Com. Hertf. Armiger, qui obiit quinto die Maii, Anno Dom. 1614.

Et Anna uxor ejus una Filiarum Johannis Myra de Hertingfordbury Armigeri, quæ obiit duodecimo, die Octobris, Anno Dom. 1616.

Et Elizabetha, unica filia eorundem Rich. & Annæ Rolande Greviley de Grabeley, Annæ nuptæ, quæ obiit ante parentes die Feb. 1699. sine prole.

Icy gisent Wat. Mohinton et Jane de Goteastri, qui dux in almes Anno Christi M.D.11.

The Body of Mr. Samuel Bedy, the very worthy and reverend Rector of this Church for 18. years, who departed this mortal life Apr. the 3d. 1689.

In a Place called ~~Wellwood~~, lying between a Farm called ~~Broomhall~~ in this Parish, and the Parish of ~~Batchworth~~, there is a very deep Well without Water, where several Intrenchments seem to have been formerly made, and several Foundations have been digged up there, where 'tis reported that the *Danes* had a Camp, and not far from hence is a Field called ~~Danes field~~, from a great Battel which the *Danes* fought there with the *English*; and 'tis very probable that the Souldiers that were then slain, were buried at the six Hills near ~~Stebenedge~~, for in those Days such Memorials as those Hills were made for the Burial of their Dead.

The Soil of this Parish is for the greatest Part Gravel, and abounds much in Wood and Timber.

#### CHARITIES.

Colonel *Tompson*, and Sir *William Tompson*, founded a Free-School in this Vill, and gave 14*l.* per Annum, whereof 10*l.* to the School, the Rest for the Repairs of the Houses, the Overplus for putting forth a poor Child Apprentice.

Mr. *Cranfield* gave 20*l.* to the Poor, and the Interest to be paid yearly among the Poor.

Mr. *Kent* gave to the Poor 20*l.* whereof the Interest to be laid out yearly in Bread.

### SUEVECAMP, SAVECAMP, SACOMB.

THIS Vill was called Suevecamp from *Suabis-campus*, a most sweet and pleasant Field, very fertile in Corn, and wholesome for Air, where the Church is scituated upon an

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Hill, two Miles distant from ~~Matton~~ *Matton*, towards the East: In the time of *William* the Conqueror 'tis recorded of this Vill, under the Title of *Terra Hardvini de Scalers*.

*Domest. Lib.  
fol. 137, nu. 20.*

*In Bradebatre Hundred. in Sebecamp. tenet Petrus de Valoines novem hidas un. virgat. minus: Terra est septem car. in Dom. sex hidas, et ibi sunt tres car. et quarta potest fieri, ibi quinq; Vill. cum sex bordis et uno Clerico, habent. tres car. ibi sex cotar. et quatuor Servi, et un. molend. de vigint. sol. Silva, 60. porc. in totis valent. valet et valet sex libras tempore Regis Eduvardi octo. lib. De hoc Manerio, tenuit Elmer quatuor hid. pro un. Manerio, testante Hundredo, et Levinus tenuit duo hid. un. virg. minus pro un. Manerio; hom. Comitib Herald, fuit et vendere potuit.*

*In Manerio quod Elmerus tenuit fuerunt quatuor Sochi. unus eorum dimid. hid. tenuit et vendere potuit, et alter un. virgat. tenuit, sed vendere non potuit preter ejus licentiam Domini sui Elmari. Tertius et Quartus dimid. hid. habuerunt sex acras minus et vendere potuerunt: Super hos duos habuit Rex Edwardus Sacam et Socam, et quinq; vicecomiti quartem partem avere inveniebat per annum vel unum denarium. Ipsi quatuor homines Almeri de Belington fuerunt. In eodem Manerio quadam Famina tenuit quinq; virgat. sub Anschil de Waras, et vendere potuit, prater unum virgat. que posuit in vadium Almero de Belington pro decem solidis, et inveniebat unam averam, et quartem partem alterius avere aut quinq; denarios.*

*Peter de Valoines held in Sebecampe, in the Hundred of Bradebatre, nine Hides wanting a Virgate, the arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne six Hides, and there are three Carucates, and a fourth may be made, there are five Villaines with six Bordars and one Clerk, having three Carucates, there are six Cottagers, and four Servants, and one Mill of twenty Shillings Rent by the Year, Wood to feed sixty Hogs, in the whole Value, it is worth and was worth six Pounds by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) eight Pounds a Year. Elmer held four Hides of this Mannor for one Mannor, the Hundred witnessing it; and Levinus held two Hides wanting one Virgate for one Mannor: He was a Man (under the Protection) of Earl Herald, and might sell it.*

*In the Mannor which Elmer held there were four Socmen, one of them held half an Hide, and might sell it, and another held one Virgate but could not sell it without the leave of his Lord, Elmer; the third and fourth had half an Hide wanting six Acres, and might sell it. Beside these two, King Edward (the Confessor) had Sake and Soke, and every one did find the fourth Part of an Horse by the Year, or paid one Penny to the Sheriff. There were four Men (under the Protection) of Almer de Belington: In the same Mannor a certain Woman held five Virgates under Anschil de Waras, and might sell them, except one Virgate which she mortgaged to Almer de Belington for ten Shillings, and she did find an Horse, and the fourth Part of another Horse or paid five Pence.*

This *Peter de Valoines* was a great Baron in the time of King *William* the Conqueror, and married *Albreda*, Sister to *Eudo Dapifer*, who was Steward to King *Henry* I. by whom he had Issue

*Robert de Valoines*, who was his Heir, and married *Agnes*, by whom he had Issue *Peter*, *Robert*, and *Gunnora*: he obtained from *Maud* the Empress all those Lands and Fees whereof his Father died seiz'd.

*Peter de Valoines* succeeded him, and married *Gundred de Warren*, by whom he had Issue three Daughters, 1 *Lora*, who married *Alexander de Balioll*, Brother to *John* King of Scots; 2 *Christian*, who married *William de Mandevile*, and after his Decease *Peter de Maine*; and 3 *Elizabeth*, who married *David Comyne*: and he died seized of the Mannors of *Benington*, *Matton*, *Box*, *Crowbery*, *Hertingfordbury*, *Bathol*, and *Sebecamp*, in this County, and *Ja-*

kenham in Norfolk, leaving these three Daughters his Coheirs, and upon the Partition this Mannor and Pakenham in Norfolk, fell to the Lot of

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*Elizabeth*, the Wife of *David Comyne*, who had Issue by her

*William Comyne*, who was her Son and Heir, to whom this Mannor descended: He was knighted, and upon a *Quo Warranto* brought before *John de Reygate* and other Justices Itinerants at *Hertford*, Anno 6 *Edw. I.* claimed in this Mannor, which he held in Purparty of the Inheritance which was *Peter de Valoines*, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangtheof, all the Fee and Land, View of Franc-pledge, Correction of the Assize of Bread and Ale, and Tumbrel, &c. by the Grant of King *Henry I.* to *Peter de Valoines*, and the Confirmation thereof by King *Henry II.* to *Robert de Valoines*, and upon the View of the Deeds these Privileges were then allowed; this Sir *William Comyne* married *Eufemia*, the Daughter of ——— by whom he had Issue *John*, *Edward*, and *Agnes*.

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. I. cur. re-  
cept. Scac.*

*John* died the the 16th of *Edw. I.* and upon his Decease this Mannor came to

*Edward Comyne*, who was his Brother, and married *Mary*, Daughter of ——— by whom he had Issue *Eufemia* and *Mary*, his Daughters and Coheirs, and upon his Death this Mannor fell to the Part of

*Mary Comyne*, who was possess of it, and married *Edmond de Pakenham*, by whom she had Issue *Thomas* and *Edmond*, who dying in their Infancy it came to

*Eufemia*, who was her elder Sister and Heir, and married *William de la Bech*, by whom she had Issue *Elizabeth*, and she died seized hereof Anno 1361, 35 *Edw. III.* leaving

*Elizabeth de la Bech*, who was her only Daughter and Heir, married Sir *Roger Elmerugge*, Kt. and levied a Fine of this and the Mannors of Pakenham in Norfolk, and Asps in Suffolk, to the Use of them, the said *Roger* and *Elizabeth*, and their Heirs; and it was found Anno 30 *Edw. III.* that Sir *Roger Elmerugge* and his Wife, Daughter and Heir of *Eufemia de la Bech*, held this Mannor with the Advowson of the Church of the King by the Service of one Knight's Fee, and Sir *Roger* dying seized hereof, *Elizabeth* survived him, and shortly after conveyed them to

*Fin. 36 Ed.  
III. in cur.  
recept. Scac.*

Sir *John Holt*, Kt. one of the Justices of the Common Bench, and *Alice* his Wife, and their Heirs, and Sir *John* surviving his Wife, he and five other Judges, and the King's Serjeant, at a Parliament held Anno 11 *Rich. II.* were attainted and banisht, whereby this Mannor was forfeited and seized into the King's Hands, and tho' he charged it with the Payment of a yearly Rent to his Son, until such time as he should be promoted to some Of-

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*Prim's Abr. of  
Rec. in the  
Tower, fol.  
408.  
Ex Autogr.  
pene J.G. mil.*

fice, yet because it was held of the King *in Capite*, and the Grant made without License, it was given to

*John Corbet*, and tho' upon the Petition of Sir *Ralph Holt*, at a Parliament held 2 H. IV. that King restored him to his Blood, and to all his Hereditaments in the King's Possession, yet notwithstanding *John Corbet* held this Mannor during the Reign of H. IV. afterwards it came to the Possession of

*Esc. 15 H. VI.*

— *Bapthorpe* who possess it till about the 15th Year of H. VI. when he died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

*Ralph Bapthorpe*, who was knighted, and enjoyed this Mannor during the time of *Edw. IV.* had Issue *Isabel*, and died about the Beginning of the Reign of H. VII.

*Isabel* was his sole Heir, and married *William Plompton*, Esq. at the time of her Father's Decease; they had Issue *William*, held several Courts in both their Names for this Mannor during the Reign of H. VIII. and in the time of *Edw. VI.* he died seized hereof, and *Isabel* his Wife surviving, held it a while, and upon her Decease

*William*, who was his Heir, succeeded, but he being under Age at the Death of *Isabel* his Mother, a Court was held in the King's Name, Anno 7 *Edw. VI.* by Reason the Heir was then in Minority, afterwards this *William Plompton* held a Court for this Mannor in his own Name, and enjoy'd the Profits hereof till he sold it to

Sir *Robert Butler*, Kt. who held it during the Reign of *James I.* and dying seiz'd hereof, it descended to

*Jane*, who was his sole Daughter and Heir, and married *John Belasis*, Esq. they held a Court here in both their Names. This *John Belasis* was the second Son of *Thomas Viscount Fauconbridge*, who was very firm and loyal to his Prince, in the time of the late Rebellion; and when a great Army was raised against King *Charles I.* by a prevailing Party in the Parliament which began Nov. 3d, Anno 16 Car. I. 1640, he adhered faithfully to him, raised a compleat Regiment of foot Souldiers, when the King set up his Standard at Nottingham; fought valiantly in the Head of them, at the Battels of *Winceton*, *Bramford*, *Stowbury*, and shewed great Courage in the Storming of *Bristol*; for which Services that King, by Letters Patents dated the 27th of January, 20th of his Reign, advanced him to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm by the Title of Lord *Belasis* of *Chorlaby* in the County of *Lincolne*, made him Lieutenant General of the Counties of *Dork*, *Nottingham*, *Lincolne*, and *Derby*, Governour of the City of *Dork* and the Garrison of *Retmark* upon *Trent*, and Captain General of his Majesty's Guards. Afterwards King *Charles II.* made him Captain General of his Forces in *Africa*, and Governour of *Tangier*, Lord-lieutenant of the East Riding in *Yorkshire*,

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Governour of ~~Hull~~, and Captain of his Guard of Gentlemen Pensioners; but he, scrupling the Oath injoyned by Act of Parliament made Anno 1672, to be taken by all such as did then or should hereafter bear any Office under his Majesty, resign'd his Government of ~~Tangier~~ to the Earl of ~~Middleton~~, his Lientenancy of the ~~East Riding~~ in Yorkshire, and Government of ~~Hull~~ to the Duke of ~~Monmouth~~; his Captainship of the Pensioners to his Nephew, *Thomas Viscount Fauconbridge*, and a Regiment of Foot (raised during the late Wars with the *Dutch*) to the Earl of ~~Northampton~~; He had Issue by her *Henry*, made Knight of the Bath at the Coronation of King *Charles II.* and *Mary* married to *Robert Viscount Dunbar* in *Scotland*; but wanting Money to defray the Charge of his Army, and to supply his Majesty's Occasions in the time of his Exigence, sold this, the Mannor of ~~Temple Chelsin~~, and ~~Box~~, otherwise called *Chells*, to

Sir *John Gore*, who was knighted at *York*, 1640, and married *Catharine* the eldest Daughter of Sir *John Butler* of ~~Whetton Woodhal~~ in this County, Kt. of the Bath, by whom he had Issue *John, Ralph, Charles, Anne, Catharine*, and *Jane*; He was constituted Sheriff of this County, An. 6 Car. II. served as a Burgess in the Parliament held An. 1671, 23 of the same King, for the Borough of ~~Hertford~~; his Arms were *Gules, a Fesse between three Cross Crosslets fitched Or*; and sold this Mannor and ~~Temple Chelsin~~, Anno 4 Jac. II. to

Sir *Thomas Rolt*, who had been President for the *East India Company* at *Surrat*, was knighted at ~~Whitehall~~ on the first of *October*, in the Year 1682, was constituted Sheriff for this County, Anno 1696, and married *Mary* — by whom he had Issue *Edward* and *Constantia*.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 10*l* 8*s*. 4*d*. and the Lords of this Mannor are Patrons hereof.

#### The RECTORS.

Mr. *John Meriton*. Mr. *Timothy Puller*, D.D. Mr. *John Adams*.

This Church is dedicated to the Honour of St. *Katharine*, and is situated in a fair Field upon a dry Hill, in the Deanery of *Hertford*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, the Church and Chancel are covered with Tile, the Tower is erected upon the South Side of the Church, wherein are three small Bells, and within the Church are these Inscriptions upon two Grave Stones.

Here lyeth the Body of John Doddington of Sacomb, Gent. who deceased a faithful Christian the 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1544. and was Husband to Elenor Doddington whose Grave is joynd here to his on the right side, after whom she survided 7. years and 7. Months, and left alibe at his Departure by her his only Wife three Sons and six Daughters.

*Cigneæ qui terris modulati carmina mortis;  
Dulce polo vitæ melos nunc usq; canunt.*

Head of  
Bradewater

Of your Charity pray for the Soul of Elenor Doddington late the wife of John Doddington, Gent. which Elenor deceased the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1560. upon her Soul Jesu have mercy.

On the North Wall of the Chancel is this Inscription.

Near this Place lyeth buried the Body of the Reverend Mr. John Meriton, Rector of this Parish of Sacomb about 32 years, Aged 64. who departed this Life December the 20th 1669, much Beloved, much Lamented. He gave an 100*l.* to be laid out in Land, for the raising of 5*l.* per annum for ever, wherewith to put forth yearly some one poor Child of this Parish an Apprentice.

*Vixit post Funera Virtus.*

## MUNDANE PARVA, MUNDANE FREWEL.

THIS Vill lyes in a Bottom about a Mile and a Half distant from Sacomb to the North, and the Name may be derived from the Vale, where a great Part of the Houses are shrouded under the Hill, on both Sides, from whence it may be called *Mundane*, a safe Vale; for *Mund* in the Saxon Language, signifies a safe Place, and *Dane*, a Valley: in the time of *William* the Conquerour it belonged to *Walter Flandrensis*, who assumed this for his Sirname, in Regard he came from *Flanders*, and was an Assistant in the Conquest of this Kingdom, to whom he gave this Mannor among others, for his good Service in that Expedition, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded under the Title of *Terra Walteri Flandrensis*.

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 139, n. 30.

*Walter Flandrensis tenuit Mundane pro quinque hidis et una virgat. se defendebat. Terra est octo car. in dominio tres hidæ et dimid. et ibi est una car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri, duodecem Vil. cum Presbitero, et duo Bordarii habentes quinque car. ibi duo Servi pastura ad pec. Vil. Siloa ducent. porc. In totis valent. valet sex libr. Quando recepit septem libr. Tempore Regis Edwardi octo libr. Hoc Manerium tenuit Leuvinus homo Comitiss Heraldii et vendere potuit.*

*Walter Flandrensis* held *Mundane*, it was rated for five Hides and one Virgate. The arable is eight Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides and an half, and there is one Carcate, and now two others may be made, there are twelve Villains and a Parson, and two Bordars having five Carucates; there are two Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs. In the whole Value it is worth six Pounds by the Year, when he received it seven Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) eight Pounds a Year: *Le-wine*, a Man (under the Protection) of Earl *Herald* held this Mannor and might sell it.

Afterwards this Mannor was granted to one *Frewel*, who held it of the King in *Capite*, by the Service of one Knight's Fee and an Half, from whom it descended to

*Quo Warr. 6*  
*Ed. 1. Rot. 34,*  
*tit. Herts.*  
*cur. recept.*  
*Scac.*

*Richard Frewel*, who upon a *Quo Warranto* brought against him, Anno 6 *Edw. 1.* at *Wentford*, before *John de Reygate* and others, Justices Itinerants, appeared in Court, and claimed to hold it of the King per *Baroniam*, and from these *Frewels*, this Vill received the Adjunct of *Frewel* to

its Name: in the time of *Edw. III.* I find it was in the Possession of

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*Reginald de Grey* Lord of *Wilton* upon *May* in *Hertfordshire*, who was summon'd to several Parliaments, from 17 to 34 *Edw. III.* inclusive, and died upon Tuesday in *Whitson-week*, 44 *Edward III.* seized of these Mannors among divers others, leaving

*Henry* his Son and Heir, who did his Homage, had Livery of his Lands, and 50 *Edw. III.* was summoned to Parliament, by the Name of *Henry de Grey de Shirland*, Chevalier, and dyed on the Saturday before the Feast of Saint *George*, Anno 19 *R. II.* and it continued, as I shall shew in the next Mannor, in the same Name, until the time of *Henry VII.* when

*Sir William Say* purchased both the Mannor of *Little* and *Great Mundane*, with the Advowsons of both Churches; he had Issue two Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to *William* Lord *Mountjoy*, and *Mary* to *Henry* Earl of *Essex*, from him this Mannor passed, as the Mannor of *Benington* did, until it came to

*Michael Woodcock*, Esq. who held Court Leet and Baron here, Anno 21 *Elizabeth.* He, by Deed dated the 4th Day of *February* following, in Consideration of Marriage with *Dorothy Woodhal*, covenanted with *William Woodhal* her Father, to stand seized of the Scite of the Mannor of *Little Mundane*, and all the Appurtenances to the Use of himself and his Wife for their Lives, and after their Decease, to the Use of *Michael Woodcock*, eldest Son of the said *Michael*, and the Heirs Males of his Body, and in Default of such Issue, to the Use of *John Woodcock*, second Son of *Michael* the Father, and the Heirs Males of the Body of the said *John*, and in Default of such Issue, the Remainder to the Use of the Heirs Males of the Body of *Michael Woodcock* the Father, and in Default of such Issue, to the right Heirs of *Michael Woodcock* the Father for ever; but this *Michael Woodcock* straitened for Money, mortgaged this Mannor to *Sir Peter Vanlore* for Security of the Payment of 1569*l.* and afterwards for a further Sum of Money, he absolutely passed away the Inheritance to *Sir Peter Vanlore* and his Heirs, by fine Release and other Assurances, with Warranty against himself and his Heirs.

*Sir Peter Vanlore*, by Indenture dated the 24th of *Apr.* 12 *James I.* in Consideration of Marriage had between *Sir Charles Caesar*, Son and Heir apparent of *Julius Caesar*, Master of the Rolls, and one of the Privy Council, and Dame *Anne*, Wife of *Sir Charles* and Daughter of *Sir Peter Vanlore*, conveyed this Mannor to the Use of *Sir Charles Caesar*, and *Anne* his Wife, for the Life of the said *Anne*, and after her Decease, if she should leave Issue of her Body,

*Ex Autogr.  
penes C. Caesar,  
Bar, Arm.*



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or any Issue of such Issue then living at her Death, then to Sir *Charles Caesar* for his Life, and after his and her Decease, to the Use of the first Issue male, and in Default of such Issue to the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh Issue males of the Bodies of Sir *Charles* and *Anne* to be begotten, and to the Heirs of their several Bodies, with divers Remainders over in Tail. Sir *Charles* was possess of this Mannor, held several Courts for the same, but upon Information of the precedent Settlement, Sir *Peter Vanlore* exhibited his Bill in *Chancery*, to be relieved against *Woodcock* and *Woodhal*, whereupon *Woodhal* repaid all the Money to Sir *Peter Vanlore*, and by Consent of all Parties, this Mannor was settled and establish'd again by Act of Parliament, upon the said *Edmund Woodhal* and his Heirs, this *Edmund* was Register of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, and married *Margaret* the Daughter of *Anthony Law* of *London*, Gentleman, by whom he had Issue

*Edmund Woodhal*, who succeeded his Father in this Lordship, had Issue *Edmund*, *John*, *Elizabeth*, and *Mary*, and dyed seiz'd hereof.

*Edmund* inherited this Mannor, held it awhile, and dying without Issue, on the 22d of *July*, 1655,

*John* his Brother was next Heir, deceased without Issue, and was buried in this Parish Church the 14th of *August*, 1660. *Elizabeth* his Sister dying also without Issue, this Mannor came to

*Mary* the surviving Sister, who married — *Thornton*, by whom she had Issue *Mary*, and ——— who are the Daughters and Coheirs of ——— *Thornton* and *Mary* his Wife, and the present Possessors hereof.

The Fine upon the Admission of a Tenant to any Copyhold Land, is certain by the Custom of this Mannor, and no more than the Value of one Year's Quit-rent.

The Lord may not by the Custom, plough or break up two Acres of Land lying near the Church, because it was anciently granted for the Recreation of the Youth of the Parish, after Evening Service on every Lord's Day.

#### *The Mannor of LIBURY*

**W**AS in old time called *Sutreheld*, and since *Haultwick de alto Sito*, an high Land, of which 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 139, nu.  
30.

*In Sutrehella ten. Walter un. hid. et dimid. virgat. Terra est duo car. ibi est una et alia potest fieri in Dominio un. hid. et un. Vil. Silca xv Porc. valet et valet xx sol. tempore Regis Edw. xxx col. Hac Terra est Berewick de Maundena. Torchil tenuit de Leuvino non potuit vendere prater ejus licentiam.*

*In eadem tenuit iisdem Walterius ix acr. valet et valet semper xii denar. Leuvinus tenuit et vendere potuit.*

*In Sutrehill Walter Flandrensis* held one Hide and half a Virgate. The arrable is two Carucates, there is one and another may be made, in

Demesne one Hide and one Villain, Wood to feed fifteen Hogs, it is worth and was worth, twenty Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) thirty Shillings: This Land is a Berewich of ~~Mundon~~. Torchil held it of *Lewine*, but could not sell it, without his Licence.

The same *Walter* held in the same Berewich nine Acres, it is worth, and always was worth, twelve Pence a Year; *Lewine* held it, and might sell it.

*Henry de Grey*, Kt. Lord of ~~Milton~~ *Hilton* aforementioned, was also Lord of this Mannor, and being engaged in the King's Service in the Wars of ~~Castonp~~ *Caston* from the Feast of St. *Peter ad Vincula*, Anno 17 *Edw.* II. until the Feast of St. *Mary Magdalen*, then next following, he enfeoffed *John Caldecot* Rector of ~~Strebendge~~ *Strebendge* of this Mannor, within which time his Father dyed on the Feast of *Simon and Jude*, so that he could not possess himself of his Inheritance, which fell to him thereby, so soon as he should have done, all which King *Edw.* III. consider'd of Anno primo Regni sui, and remitted a Debt to him of 152*l.* owing to the *Exchequer*.

In a Roll of a Court held for this Mannor, An. 17 *Edw.* Fil. *Edw.* 'tis recorded that ——— *Geffrey diem clausit extremum de cujus morte venit ad opus Dom. de Heriet. una Vacca et alba in fronte; pretii unius Marca.* ——— *Johan. Auncel, quer. de Thoma Backstere de placito transgr. plegii de proseguendo*, ——— *Atheridge et William Jeffrey*: So an Executor was sued for 2*s.* that *Adam Geffrey* owed: The Executor is summon'd, pleads *nulla bona*, Inquiry is awarded to the Tenants, who find there came to his Hands, *unum Colobium et vesturam unius ar. frumenti, prati* x*vid.* adjudged that he recover, and the Executor *in misericordia pro falsa detentione*.

Anno 16 *Edw.* III. the King intending a Voyage royal into *France*, and to take Shipping with his Army at *Portsmouth*, upon the first of *March*, sent his Precept to this *Henry*, to attend him there with twenty Men at Arms, and twenty Archers, but he dying the same Year, left

*Reginald* his Son and Heir, then thirty Years of Age, who being a Baneret upon that Expedition, which the King made into *France*, 19 *Edw.* III. was commanded to prepare himself and all his Retinue, to sail with him thither, upon the Feast-day of St. *Lawrence* in the same Year, and he dyed Anno 44 *Edw.* III. seized of the Mannors of ~~Much~~ *Much* ~~Mundon~~, *Little Mundon*, *Libury*, *Hertfordingbury*, &c. leaving

*Henry* his Son and Heir, then twenty eight Years of Age, who did his Homage, had Livery of his Lands, and was summoned to Parliament, held Anno 50 *Edw.* III. by the Name of *Henry de Grey de Shirland*, Chevalier; and dyed on Saturday next before the Feast of St. *George*, in 19 *R.* II. leaving Issue

*Richard* his Son and Heir, then three Years of Age, and *Margaret* a Daughter, Wife to *John Lord Darcy*. He was

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of the Retinue of *Thomas Earl of Dorset*, Uncle to the King, and Lieutenant of *Normandy*, in his Expedition thither; and he deceased upon Monday next preceding the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady, Anno 1442, leaving

*Reginald* his Son, then 21 Years of Age; he did his Homage the next Year, had Livery of his Lands, received the Honour of Knighthood, and had Issue

*John*, who was possesst of this Mannor, Anno 14 *Edw. IV.* received the Honour of Knighthood, fought stoutly at *Blackheath*, Anno 11 *H. VII.* against the Cornish Men then in Rebellion, under the leading of *James Lord Audley*, and enjoyed this Mannor until the 12th Year of *H. VII.* in which Year, a Recognizance was enter'd upon the Court Roll of this Mannor, made by *John Grey*, Kt. and Lord of *Wilton*, and one *Matthew Langford* of *London*, Gent. to *Richard Hill*, and *John Shaw*, Citizen and Alderman of *London*, in 1000 Marks, conditioned for the Performance of Covenants, compriz'd in Indentures for the Sale of *Warron-hall* in *Essex*, and this Mannor of *Urbury*; and the Precept and the Concord for the Fine was enter'd also in the Book, wherein *John Lord Grey* of *Wilton*, *Edmond Grey* his Son and Heir apparent, and *Florence* his Wife, past it unto *John Breton*, Clerk, *Thomas Marrow*, *Leonard Hide*, and *Thomas Ingram*; and the Fine *pro licentia concordandi* was twenty Shillings; he was afterwards knighted, then *Edward Grey* of *Blackheath* in the County of *Hucks*, Esq. gave a Release, dated February 17 Anno 12 *Hen. VII.* by the Name of *Edward Grey*, Esq. Cozen of Sir *John Grey* Lord Grey of *Wilton* upon *Wape*, viz. Brother of Sir *Reginald Grey*, Kt. deceased, Father of the aforesaid *John* now living, and he confirmed their Estate in *Urbury* by it, and the 12th of June following, the Deed was inrolled in Chancery; this *Richard Hill* married *Elizabeth Hill*, who survived him, and held this Mannor as Part of her Jointure, and joyned with *John Gawson*, one of the six Clerks in Chancery, to pass this Mannor to

*Edward Hill*, Gentleman, and *Ralph Lathom*, Citizen and Goldsmith of *London*, and she passed the Reversion after her Death, by Deed dated 17 *H. VII.* and inrolled to them, the said *Edward* and *Ralph*, on the 6th of October in the same Year. *Robert Hill*, Citizen and Fishmonger of *London*, Merchant of the Staple at *Calix*, Son and Heir of Sir *Thomas Hill*, Kt. and Alderman, and Mayor of *London*, and of Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife, Sister and Heir unto *William Hill* and *Richard Hill* of *London*, Gent. by Indenture, sold this Mannor and several others, in the Counties of *Essex* and *Huntingdon* unto the said

*Ralph Lathom*, Citizen and Goldsmith of *London*, which Deed was also in the same Month inrolled in Chancery,

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and *Edward Hill*, Brother of the said *Robert Hill*, having an Annuity of eight Marks granted to him out of this Mannor by the Feoffees of his Father, did also alien the same unto the said *Ralph Lathom*, and then by another Deed dated 24th of *January*, 20 *H. VII.* remised and released their Right to *Lathom's* Feoffees, in and to the Mannors of *Claydon alias Habingfield*, *Lachington*, *Warnes*, *Lazers*, *Brome*, and *Hide alias Hide-park*, *Baron-hall alias Warne-hall* in *Essex*, and to *Lpbury* in *Hertfordshire*, which Feoffees were *Hugh Oldham*, Bishop of *Exeter*, *Edmund Carew*, Kt. *Richard Fitzlewes*, Kt. *Thomas Tirrill*, Kt. *George Roger*, and *Roger Holland*, Esquires; and 21 *Hen. VII.* levied a Fine of the said Mannors, to *Christopher Ursewicke*, Sir *Thomas Frowick*, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and others, who, by Deed dated the 29th of *May*, acknowledged *Lpbury* to be to the Use of the said *Ralph Lathom*; and Trusts being common in those Days, *Ralph Lathom*, 9 *H. VIII.* granted his Mannor of *Lpbury* to *Cutbert Tonstal*, Clerk, and others; and he granted this Mannor, 5 and 6 *P. and M.* to the Use of his last Will and Testament, and on the 12th of *Eliz.* demised unto *Edmund Andrews*, Gent. and *William Green*, Yeoman, who kept several Courts and granted out several Estates, and in 17 *Eliz.* it came to

*Thomas* and *William*, two Sons of *Thomas Lathom*. In 19 *Eliz.* *Robert Lathom* of *Childersly*, in the County of *Cambridge*, and *Dorothy* his Wife, and *William Lathom* of *South Ockendon* in *Essex*, by Fine and Recovery passed this Mannor to

*Edmund Andrews* of *London*, Fishmonger, and *George Herd*, who by their Deed, declared the Use to

*William Lathom*, and his Heirs, who aliened it, on the 20th of *March*, 20 *Eliz.* to

*Richard Brockman* of *St. Bartholomew* in *West Smithfield*, Gent. who by his Deed dated 24th of *June*, 22 *Eliz.* sold it unto

*Rowland Berisford* of *London*, Gent. who was a Grocer there; and on the 5th of *December*, Anno 1608, he conveyed it to

*Robert Spence*, Citizen and Fishmonger of *London*; who was Master of the Levant Company of Merchants, and he devised it by his Will, dated 1616, to *Audry* his Wife, for the Term of her Life, leaving Issue *Robert Spence*, Esq. his only Son and Heir.

*Audry Spence* enjoyed this Mannor until the Year 1635, when she died, then it came to

*Robert Spence*, who dwelt at *Nyland* in *Balcomb*, in the County of *Sussex*, was in Commission of the Peace for that County for many Years, a Collonel in the *Militia* for the

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same County, and had Issue *William* and *John*; and by Deed dated Anno 1647, on the Marriage of

*William* his Son and Heir apparent settled this Mannor on him and the Heirs males of his Body, to be begotten on the Body of *Mary* Daughter of *Samuel Short*, a Bencher of *Gray's Inn*, and for Default of such Issue, on the Heirs male of the said *William*, the Remainder to the right Heirs of him, the said *Robert Spence*. This *William Spence* was an Utter-barister of *Lincoln's Inn*, a learned Man in the Laws of this Realm, and a great Lover of Antiquity; he was a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Sussex*, and Anno — *Charles II.* Sheriff of the same County, but dying without Issue, this Mannor and all his other Lands came to

*John Spence* of *South Malling* in the same County, Esq. being his sole Brother and Heir; he was also an Utter-barister of *Lincoln's Inn*, well learned in the Law, and during the Life-time of his Brother *William* was constituted High Sheriff for the same County, Anno — *Charles II.* from whom it descended to *John Spence*, Esq. his Son and Heir, the present Lord thereof.

THIS Rectory in Anno 26 *Henry VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 15*l.* per Annum, and the Lords of this Mannor are Patrons hereof.

#### The RECTORS.

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| 1558 <i>Richard Newton</i>             | 1659 <i>William Grave</i>     |
| 1638 <i>Richard Thornton</i> , who An. | 1664 <i>Edward Bret</i>       |
| 1642, was sequestred, and              | 1668 <i>Jonathan Morris</i> . |
| died at <i>Buntingford</i> , 1667.     |                               |

This Church is erected upon an Hill, in the middle of this Parish, in the Deanery of *Baldock*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, and is covered with Lead, the Chancel with Tyle; and at the West End is a square Tower, which hath an excellent Ring of five Bells, and a Shaft upon the Tower covered with Lead.

On the North Side of the Chancel, a small Chapel is erected by the ancient Lords of this Mannor, wherein is this Inscription upon a Stone.

Here lyeth the Body of *Margaret Woodhall*, Daughter of *Anthony Law* of *London*, Gent. Wife of *Edmund Woodhall*, Esq; Register of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*. Lord of this Mannor of *Little Munden*, in the County of *Hertford*. She deceased the 3d day of *July* 1631. Aged 45 years.

In the two Arches, between the Chapel and the Chancel, are two old Monuments; one raised four Foot, with the Effgies of a Man and his Wife: The other raised about five Foot, with the Effgies of a Man and his Wife.

In the Chancel lyeth a Stone with this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of *Richard Berisford* of *London*, Merchant, who departed this Life the 14th day of *June*, 1648. in the 59 year of his Age. Also of *Ann Berisford*, the Wife of *Richard Berisford*, who departed this Life, the 30th of *August*, 1637, in the 43 year of her Age. They had Issue three Sons, viz. *Robert*, *Rowland*, and *Samuel*, living at his Death, and two Daughters who died young.

*Another Stone has this Inscription.*

Here lyeth buried the Body of *Robert Berisford*, Gent. who departed this Life the 3d day of *January*, 1656. Aged 33. years. He was eldest Son of *Richard Berisford* of *London*, Merchant, he married *Ann*, the eldest Daughter of *Sir Thomas Nightingale*, Baronet, and had issue by her three Sons; viz. *Richard*, *George*, and *Robert*, and one Daughter *Ann*.

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## GREAT MUNDON, MUNDON FURNIVAL

IS scituated about a Mile and a half distant from *Little Mundon*, towards the North-east, and, I suppose, was denominated from the Hill on which the Church is erected; for as *Dane* signifies in the Saxon Language a Valley, as I have shewed in the last Parish, so *Don* signifies a Hill, which agrees with the Situation of this Church: And *William* the Conqueror gave this Mannor to *Earl Alan*, for his good Services, who possess it at the time of making that general Survey, where 'tis recorded under the Title of *Terra Alani Comitis*.

*In Bradwater Hundred. Comes Alanus tenuit Mundon, pro septem hidis et dimid. virgat. se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi. Terra est quatuor decem car. in Dominio quatuor hid. et una virgat. et ibi sunt quatuor car. ibi sexdecem Vill. cum sex bordis, habentibus decem car. ibi un. cotar. et duo servi, et un. molind. de decem sol. Silva cl Porc. et alteram Silvam unde ducent. Porc. pascere de hoc Manerio Rogerius de Mucelgros abstulit postquam Comes Radulphus forisfecit ut tota Scyra testatur. In totis valent. valet sexdecem lib. Quando recepit duodecem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi sexdecem lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Eddeva pulchra.*

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 137. a. 16.*

*Earl Alan* held *Mundon* in *Bradwater Hundred*, it was rated for seven Hides and half a Virgate, in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor.) The arable is fourteen Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides and one Virgate; and there are four Carucates, sixteen Villains, with six Bordars, having ten Carucates; there is one Cottager, and two Servants, and one Mill of ten Shillings Rent, Wood to feed one hundred and fifty Hogs, and *Roger de Mucelgros* took away from this Mannor another Wood (where two hundred Hogs were fed) after *Earl Ralph* had forfeited it, as the whole Shire can witness. In the whole Value it is worth sixteen Pounds by the Year, when he received it twelve Pounds, in the time of *King Edward*, sixteen Pounds. *Fair Eddeva* held this Mannor.

I have given an Account of this great Earl in the Parish of *Cheshunt*, to which I refer the Reader; for this Mannor was Parcel of the Possessions of the Earldom of *Richmond*, and continually passed with that Honour till it came to *Constance*, the Daughter and sole Heir of *Conan Alan*. She married *Jeoffry*, the fourth Son of *Henry II.* King of *England*. And after the King had retained this Earldom sometime in his own Hands, he disposed of it with the Revenue belonging to it, to *Jeoffry*, whereby he became possess hereof, and at length he sold it to

*Gerrard de Furnival*, from whom this Vill borrow'd the Adjunct of *Furnival*, which is annexed to its Name; he was a younger Son of *Furnival* of *Sheffild*, was at the

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Siege of Acon in the Holy Land, with King Richard I. and at his return he married, and had Issue

Gerrard, who married Maud, the Daughter and Heir of William de Luvetot, a great Baron in Nottinghamshire, and King John did accept his Homage for that Barony for 400 Marks. The King employ'd him as Commissioner with John de Laci, Constable of Chester, and Jeffry de Nevill, Lord-chamberlain, to treat with Robert de Roos, and some others of the Barons, to reduce them to Obedience, and he was very faithful to the King in the time of all his Troubles which the Barons gave him, for which Cause the King commanded him Anno 18th of his Reign, to reside at his Castle of Bolesober in the County of Derby, to keep the Peace in those Parts of the Kingdom: Afterwards he died at Jerusalem, Anno 3 H. III. whereupon this Lordship of Munden, by the King's Appointment was assigned to

*Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 1, fol. 598.*

The Lady Nichola de Haya, for her better Support in the Custody of the Castle of Lincoln, which she then held for the King. She was an eminent Lady, who stoutly adhered to King John in the time of the Troubles which he had with his Barons, to whom he granted Anno 17th of his Reign, all the Lands which William de Huntingfeild had in the County of Lincoln and Town of Warksey in the same County, to hold during the King's Pleasure, and made her Governess of Framton Castle; and in the 18th Year of King John she had the Custody of the County of Lincoln; which Office she also held 1 H. III. and obtained a Confirmation of all the Lands which William de Huntingfeild had there. She married Gerrard de Camvill, by whom she had Issue Richard, and procured Livery to be made to her and her Son of the Mannors of Cherleton and Heuxteruge, of which they had been dispossessed by Hubert de Burgh, Justice of England; and was again constituted Sherifff of the County of Lincoln Anno 2 H. III. and Governess of the City and Castle of Lincoln, having this Mannor assigned to her again for her Support, being then in the King's Hands.

*Ibid.*

*Ibid. fol. 714.*

But in the time of Edward III. it was in the Possession of Reginald de Grey, Lord of Wilton, of whom I treated in the last Parish, to which I refer the Reader. He died upon Tuesday in Whitson Week, 44 Edw. III. seized (among others) of this Mannor, leaving Issue

Henry, who doing Homage had Livery of his Lands, and died upon Saturday next before the Feast of St. George, Anno 19 Rich. II. leaving Issue

Richard his Son and Heir, then three Years old; and when he attained to full Age he sold it to John Fray and his Heirs. This Mannor was in the Possession of Sir William de Say, Kt. Anno 12 H. VII. and passed from him as the Mannors of Roterny and Benington did, till they returned

to the Crown, where it continued till a Lease of the Demesns was granted to *William* Earl of *Salisbury* for three Lives; and the Mannor, Royalties, and Demesns were sold to *Edward Arris* of *London*, Chirurgion, and the Quit-rents were granted to *Edward* Earl of *Sandwich*.

*Edward Arris* granted the Mannor, Royalties, and Profits of Courts to

*Thomas Arris* his eldest Son, Doctor in Physick, who died seized hereof, leaving

*Edward Arris* his Son and Heir, who sold it to

*Robert Hadgely*, who is the present Possessor hereof.

*The Priory of ROHEINY, alias ROWENEA.*

*CONAN* Duke of *Brittany*, Earl of *Richmond*, and Lord of the Mannor of *Great Munden*, about *Anno* 10 *H. II.* 1164, founded this Priory of Nuns, and dedicated it to the Honor of *St. John* the Baptist, ordering that they should live regularly, according to the Order of *St. Benedict*, and gave Lands and Tenements to support the House and maintain the Religious there. The Prioress and Nuns, and their Successors, held and enjoy'd the same until *Anno* 36 *H. VI.* when they, through Negligence and Carelessness, suffered the Church to fall, the House to decay, the Revenue thereof to be wasted, that there was not sufficient Means left to rebuild the Church, to repair the House, to maintain the Religious according to the Foundation thereof, and to defray all the Charges incumbent upon them, left the House desolate. *Agnes Selby*, the Prioress, and the Nuns, considering that *John Fray*, then Lord of the Mannor of *Great Munden*, was the true Patron thereof, who had a sincere Devotion, and pious Intent to convert all the Rents and yearly Profits thereof in some better Manner to pious Uses for the Souls of the Founders of the said Priory, by their unanimous Assent and Consent, did surrender the Church and Priory, together with all the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures and Woods, Rents, Reversions, and Services, and all the Rights, Profits, and Emoluments belonging to it: To have and to hold the same, to *John Fray*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

This *John Fray* was constituted second Baron of the Court of *Exchequer*, by Patent dated *Anno* 13 *H. VI.* and the Year following made Chief Baron thereof: Moreover, King *H. VI.* by his Charter dated at *Westminster*, granted to him, that he might found and establish a Chantry of one Priest, to the Honour of God and the Virgin *Mary*, the Mother of *Christ*, and *St. John Baptist* the Forerunner of our Saviour, at the high Altar in the said Church, for the good Estate of the King, Queen *Margaret*, Prince *Edward*, and the said *John Fray*, whilst they lived, and for the Souls

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*Mon. Angl.*  
fol. 517.

8 Feb. Pat. 13.  
H VI. 9 Feb.  
Pat. 14 H. VI.  
Origin. Jurid.  
fol. 63.  
*Mon. Angl.*  
vol. 1, fol. 517.



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of them and their Sons when they died: Also for the Soul of the said late Duke, Founder of the said Priory; and also for the Souls of the Donors of the said Lands, Tenements, and Possessions above specified; and of all the Faithful deceased every Day, unless reasonable Cause did interveen, to be for ever celebrated according to his Order; and when it shall be so founded, it shall be for ever called *The Chantry of St. John Baptist of Rotenp*, and shall have perpetual Succession; and that the said *John Fray*, may grant to the Chaplain of that Chantry, all the Houses, Mansions, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Possessions whatsoever, with all the Appurtenances belonging lately to the said Church or Priory.

When this Priory was founded, it was valued at ten Marks by the Year; upon the Surrender of this Chantry, Anno 26 H. VIII. it was valued at 13*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* *per Ann.* And the King granted it to *Henry Barl of Essex*, from whom it passed, with the Mannor of *Benington*, till it return'd to the Crown again.

In the time of King *Charles I.* it came to the Possession of one *Birchinghead*, who settled it upon his Wife for her Life; and she surviving him, enjoy'd the same. After her Decease, it descended to

*Thomas Birchinghead* their Son, who sold it to Sir *Thomas Jennor*, Kt. one of the Barons of the *Exchequer*, who settled it on *Francis Brown*, of the *Inner Temple*, Esq. upon his Marriage of *Ann* his eldest Daughter, as Part of her Portion, who is the present Possessor hereof.

THE Rectory of this Church, Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 21*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* *per Ann.* whereof the Kings of this Realm have been Patrons; until King *James II.* by his Grant, dated 25 of Feb. 1687, the 3d of the same King, granted the Advowson hereof unto

*John Lord Churchill* and *Thomas Docwra*, Esq. upon Trust, to present the Rector of *St. Albans* to the same.

#### THE RECTORS.

*John Lightfoot*, D. D.

*Ralph Widrington*, D. D.

— *Cole*, Arch-Deacon of *St. Albans*.

This Church is situated upon an Hill in the middle of the Parish, in the Deanery of *Baldock* in the Diocess of *Lincoln*. which contains only the Chancel covered with Tile, the Body with Lead, and a square Tower annexed to the West End hereof, wherein are five Bells, which Tower is Leaded, and has a small Spire erected upon it; but there is no Monument or other Remark herein.

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Norden, p. 13.

STANDS upon a Hill, distant two Miles from *Great Munden* to the West: Some think this Town may be called *Benington*, from the Bounty of the Inhabitants, or from the pleasant and profitable Situation of the Place: But it may

be more properly so termed from the River *Went* and the Meadow there; for the Name in the Saxon Language does import as much.

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When *Bertulf* was King of the *Mercians*, he often resided in his Palace here; and in the Year of Christ 860, or a little before, held a Parliament or Great Council in this Place, where the Prelates and Noblemen of *Mertin* did meet: And in that great Assembly, *Askill* a Monk of the Monastery of *Cropland*, in the Name of his Abbot *Seward*, and the Monks there, made grievous Complaints of very many Losses and Injuries lately brought on their Monastery by the neighbouring *Danes*, and other deceitful Enemies: And in Reparation thereof, King *Bertulf* not only granted very large Mannors, but also conferred on the same Monastery, most splendid Liberties, as may be seen in his Charter, which shortly after, was solemnly confirmed in a Parliament or Council held at *Kingsbury*.

*Spelman de  
Conciliis, fol.  
344.*

This Seat might in all Probability continue in the Crown, until it came to *Almer de Belinton*, who was a *Saxon*, and the Possessor hereof, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) from whence he might receive his Name. But when *William* the Conqueror subdued this Realm, he gave this Mannor to *Peter de Valongies*, a Nobleman, who held this Vill, then called *Belintone*, as it appears by *Domesdei Book*; where 'tis recorded under the Title of *Terra Petri de Valongies*.

*Domesdei Lib  
fol. 144, n. 36*

In *Bratnabre Hund.* Petrus de Valongies tenet Belintone pro decem hidis et defendebat. Terra est undecim car. in Dominio sex hid. et dimid. et ibi sunt tres car. et duas adhuc possunt fieri, ibi sexdecim Vill. cum Presbytero et septemdecim bord. habentes octo car. ibi un. cotar. et quinq. servi. Silva centum porc. Parcus silvaticus bestiarum. In totis valent, valet duodecim lib: Quando recepit sex lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor decem lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Almer de Belintone.

*Ibid. fol. 141.*

*Peter de Valongies* held *Belintone*; it was rated for ten Hides, the arable Land is eleven Carucates (or plough Lands,) in Demeasne six Hides and an half, and there are three Carucates, and now two more might be made; there are sixteen Villains, with a Presbyter (Priest) and seventeen Bordars having eight Carucates; there was one Cottager and five Servants, Wood to feed an hundred Hogs, a Park of Deer. In the whole Value, it is worth twelve Pounds by the Year, when he received it, six Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fourteen Pounds. *Almer de Belinton* held this Mannor.

This *Peter de Valongies* at that time had 57 Lordships, whereof 17 in this County; he married *Albreda* Sister to *Eudo Dapifer*, Steward to King *H. I.* by whom he had Issue

*Robert de Valongies*, who was his Son and Heir, obtained from *Maud* the Emperess, a Confirmation of the Grant of the Mannors of *Essendon* and *Weggsford*, and the Mills at *Hertford*, made by King *H. I.* and all those other Lands whereof his Father died seized, and he had Issue

*Ibid.*

*Peter de Valongies*, who married *Gundred de Warren*, by whom he had Issue three Daughters, *Lora* married to

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*Alexander de Balioll*, Brother to the King of Scots, Christian to William de Mandevile, after him to Peter de Maine, and Elizabeth to David Comine, who were his Coheirs. And upon the Partition, this Mannor came to Lora, the Wife of Alexander de Balioll; for upon a Quo Warranto brought before John de Rygate and others, Justices Itinerants at Hertford, Anno 6 Edw. I. Alexander de Balioll claimed in his Mannors of Benington, Box, and Crowbery, That he held in Purparty of the Inheritance which was Peter de Valongies, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangthef, &c. all the Fee and Land, View of Francpledge, Correction of the Assize of Bread, and Ale, and Tumbrel, &c. by a Grant of H. I. and the Confirmation of H. II. to Robert de Valongies, Brother of the said Peter; which Deed he there produced, and the said Liberties were thereupon allowed.

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. I. in cur.  
recept. Scac.*

And in another Record, in the same Year of Edw. I. it was found, That this Alexander de Balioll held this Mannor of Benington, which was the Head of the Barony Valongues, in Capite of the King, by the Service of ten Knight's Fees and a Quarter of a Knight's Fee; and he had in this Mannor, View of Francpledge, Gallowes, and Assize of Bread and Ale.

*Cart. 13 Ed. I.  
Bar. vol. 2.*

This Alexander de Balioll conveyed this Mannor of Benington, to John de Bensted, Anno 13 Edw. I. And the Year following, that King confirmed the Grant hereof, with the Court Leet, and several other Priviledges conveyed to him by Charter dated 33 Edw. I. a Market every Week to be held on the Wednesday here, and a Fair yearly on the Eve-day and Morrow after the Festivals of the Apostles Peter and Paul. He was constituted one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, in the 3d Year of Edw. II. and continued in that Trust till the 15th of Saint John Baptist following. He was employed into Scotland, upon the King's Service in the 8th and 14th of Edw. II. and he was summoned the same Year to Parliament among the Barons of this Realm. He was constituted one of the Commissioners to treat of Peace, Anno 11 Edw. II. betwixt the King and Robert de Bruce of Scotland, and sent with the Bishop of Hertford, in the 12th Year of Edw. II. and other eminent Persons, unto the Court of Rome, to solicit his Holiness for the Canonization of Thomas de Cantilupe, sometime Bishop of Hertford.

*Prin's Parl.  
Brev. pt. 3,  
p. 43.*

Edward Bensted who was his Heir, was possess of this Mannor, Anno 7 R. II. had Issue John and Eleanor, and served for this County in the Parliament held 7 R. II. in another held Anno 20 R. II. and in another held 1 H. IV. in which Year he was constituted Sheriff of the Counties of Hertford and Essex; he left Issue

*Pip. Rot. 1 H.  
IV. Decree in  
Chancery,  
paa. 1 H. VII.*

John Bensted, who was his Son and Heir, received the Honour of Knighthood, and had Issue

*William Bensted*, who was seized of this Mannor in his Demesne, as of Fee; he held the same of the King in Chief, by Knight's Service, and died without Heir of his Body; and *Eleanor*, who was Sister to *John* his Father, was his next Heir. His Arms were *Gules, three Barrs Gemells Or.*

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*Eleanor* succeeded him, obtained a special and lawful Livery of this Mannor, 1 H. VII. entred into the same, and being so seized, convey'd it to

Morgan, lib.  
3, fol. 63.

Sir *William Say*, Kt. and his Heirs, who had only Issue two Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to *William Lord Mountjoy*, and *Mary* married to *Henry Bouchier*, Earl of *Essex*. In Consideration of the said Marriages, Sir *William Say* covenanted to settle an Estate in Land, to the Value of 300 Marks upon himself for Life, without Impeachment of Waste; the Remainder thereof to the said Earl and *Mary*, and to the Heirs of the Body of the said *Mary* (begotten,) the Remainder over to the said Sir *William* and his Heirs; and also farther covenanted to settle an Estate in Lands, to the yearly Value of 200 Marks, upon himself for Life, without Impeachment of Waste; the Remainder thereof to the said Lord *Mountjoy* and *Elizabeth*, and to the Heirs of the Body of the said *Elizabeth*; the Remainder to Sir *William Say* and his Heirs; and the Mannors of *Bass*, *Hoddesdon-bury*, *Sabrisford*, alias *Sabisford*, *Mooche Mondon*, *Lalford*, and *Little Mondon*, with the Advowson of the Churches of *Much Mondon*, *Lalford*, and *Little Mondon*, in the Counties of *Hertford* and *Essex*; and the Mannors of *Bedwell*, *Barkhamsted*, *Market Overton*, *Hockly*, *Wickham-hall*, and *Benington*, with the Appurtenances in the Counties of *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Hotel*, were settled in Sir *Thomas Frowick*, Kt. Chief Justice of the *Common Pleas*, and *Robert Turbervile*, in Trust to the Use of Sir *William Say* and his Heirs; and to the Use, and for the Performance of the said Covenants between Sir *William* and the said Earl, and the Covenants between Sir *William* and the Lord *Mountjoy*.

*Rot. Pip. 22  
Ed. IV.*

*Cart. penes  
Dom. Car.  
Cesar.*

But this Lord *Mountjoy* having by *Elizabeth* his Wife, only one Daughter called *Gertrude*, Sir *William Say*, by another Deed dated the 14th of July 21 H. VII. in Consideration of the said Marriages, and that neither the said *Mary* nor the said *Gertrude*, should discontinue or alien any of the Mannors, did covenant, That if the said *Gertrude* should decease without Issue of her Body, all the Mannors limited to the Lord *Mountjoy* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and the Heirs of the Body of the said *Elizabeth*, (except the Mannor of *Benington*) should after the Decease of the Lord *Mountjoy*, *Gertrude*, and Sir *William Say*, remain to the Lady *Mary* and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten, and for Want of such Issue, unto the Heirs of the Body of Sir *John Say*, Kt. Father of Sir *William*, the Remainder to the right Heirs of Sir *William Say* for ever. And this

*Cart. 21 H.  
VII. penes  
Dom. Car.  
Cesar.*

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Mannor of *Benington*, after the Decease of Sir *William Say*, and *Gertrude*, and Want of Issue of *Gertrude*, should go to the Lady *Mary*, and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten; and for Lack of such Issue, the Remainder should be to the Use of the last Will of Sir *William Say*.

And if the said *Mary* should decease without Issue of her Body, all the Mannors limited to the Earl and *Mary*, and the Heirs of her Body, after the Decease of the Earl and *Mary*, and Sir *William Say*, should remain to *Gertrude*, and the Heirs of her Body, the Remainder over (except the Mannors) of *Hoddesdon Worp*, *Much Mondon*, and *Little Mondon*, which were purchased by the said Sir *William*, to the right Heirs of the Body of Sir *John Say*, Kt. And the Mannors of *Hoddesdon Worp*, *Much Mondon*, and *Little Mondon*, after the Decease of Sir *William Say*, and the Earl, and Lady *Mary*, and the Lord *Mountjoy*, and *Gertrude*, and Lack of Issue of *Mary* and *Gertrude*, should be to the Use of the last Will of Sir *William Say*.

*Dugd. Bar. 2  
vol. fol. 130.*

But afterwards this Earl had by *Mary* one Daughter called *Anne*, who married Sir *William Parre*, Kt. Lord *Parre* of *Kendal*. But the Earl adventuring to ride a young unruly Horse at his Mannor of *Wase*, Anno 31 Hen. VIII. was overthrown, and by the Fall broke his Neck.

*Fin. 33 H.  
VIII.*

Anno 33 H. VIII. Crast. *Animarum*, this Sir *William Parre*, Lord *Parre* of *Kendal*, levied a Fine of the said Mannors of *Wase*, *Perrers*, *Hoddesdon*, *Benington*, *Much Mondon*, *Little Mondon*, *Wileston*, *Argentin*, and *Sa-bridge-worth*; and the Advowson of the Churches of *Benington*, *Much Mondon*, and *Little Mondon*, and of the free Chappel of *Robenay*, to the Earl of *Southampton*, Sir *Anthony Browne*, and *Thomas Wryotesley*, who declared by Deed the Use of the Fine to Sir *William Parre* for Life, the Remainder to *Ann* his Wife, and of the Heirs of her Body, lawfully to be begotten, the Remainder to the King in Fee.

*Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, Stat.  
34 H. VIII.*

*Pat. 35 H.  
VIII.*

In 34 Henry VIII. the Children of this Lady *Anne* were bastardized by Act of Parliament; yet notwithstanding Anno 35 H. VIII. this Sir *William Parre*, then Knight of the Garter, was created Earl of *Essex*, by Letters Patents, and the King granted to him the same Place and Voice in Parliament as *Henry Bourchier* Earl of *Essex* had. And in 38 Hen. VIII. was one of those, whom the King then lying on his Death-bed associated to his Executors, for their Assistance in Matters of Consequence. He was advanced to the Title of Marquis of *Northampton*, 1 Edward VI. and was constituted Lord Great Chamberlain of *England*, in the fourth Year of *Edward VI.* in the Place of *John Earl of Warwick*, who surrendered that Office.

*Pat. 1 Ed. VI.*

He married *Elizabeth* Daughter to *George* Lord *Cobham*, Anno 5 *Edw.* VI. and obtained a special Act of Parliament, for the disannulling his Marriage with the *Lady Anne Bouchier*, Daughter to *Henry* Earl of *Essex*, and also for ratifying this Marriage with *Elizabeth*, and legitimating the Children which he should have by her.

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But upon the Death of King *Edw.* VI. and proclaiming the *Lady Jane Grey*, he accompanied the Duke of *Northumberland* at his going out of *London* with Horse and Foot, for the suppressing of those, which were raised in *Suffolk*, on the Behalf of Queen *Mary*, for which he was committed to the Tower of *London* on the 26th of *July*, arraigned before the Duke of *Northfolk*, then High Steward, in the Month of *August* following, and had Judgment of Death passed upon him; But his Execution was stayed, and before the End of that Year, he was restored in Blood by Act of Parliament, but not to his Honour or Estate, and the Queen reserved this Mannor of *Benington*, and divers others of his Mannors to herself.

King *Philip* and Queen *Mary* by Letters Patents, dated at *Westminster* 12th of *December*, 3 and 4 of their Reign, for good and acceptable Service done to them, by *Ann* Viscountess *Bouchier*, and *Lady Lovaine*, did grant and demise to Sir *Robert Rochester*, Kt. then Comptroller of the Queen's Household, and Sir *Edward Walgrave*, Kt. all their Lordships and Mannors of *Benington*, *Cheston*, *Argentyn*, *Mendon*, *Blagna*, *Mendon Parva*, *Sabroghemorth*, *Newgate-street*, and *Sapes-park*, and their Appurtenances for the Term of forty Years, if the said Sir *William Parre* then late Marquis should live so long, rendering such Rents and Services, as by the said Letters Patents were reserved.

*Pat 3 & 4 P.  
and M.*

And 2d of *June*, 13 *Eliz.* *Chideock Pawlet*, one of the Sons of *William* Marquis of *Winchester*, Lord Treasurer of *England*, and the *Lady Frances*, then his Wife, the Widow and Relict of Sir *Edward Walgrave*, and sole Executrix of his Will, by their Deed Poll, assigned over the Remainder of the said Term of forty Years then to come, and unexpired to *Walter* Viscount *Hereford*, Lord *Ferrers*, and *Chartley*.

*Carl 13 Eliz.  
penes Dom.  
Car. Camr.*

But after the Expiration of this Term of Years, this Mannor remained in the Crown, and Queen *Elizabeth*, considering that this late Marquis, had been deprived of his Titles through the Potency of his Adversaries; she, by her Letters Patents dated in the Tower of *London*, on the 13th of *January*, 1 *Regni sui*, advanced him again to the Dignity of Marquis of *Northampton*, and made him one of the Lords of her Privy Council.

*Pat. 1 Eliz.*

And on the 22d of *April* following, High Steward upon the Arraignment of *William* Lord *Wentworth*, late Deputy of *Callice*, in *Westminster-hall*, upon an Indictment of Trea-

*Stow's Annals  
fol. 639.*

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son found against him in the late Queen *Maryes* Dayes, for the Loss of *Callite*.

Queen *Elizabeth*, by her Letters Patents, dated the 10th of *November*, in the 12th Year of her Reign, granted to *Walter* Viscount *Hertford* the Reversion of this Mannor to hold in Soccage, reserving the yearly Rent of 4*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* ob. And upon that Rebellion of the Earls of *Northumberland*, and *Chestmoreland* in the same Year, made him Field Marshal of those Forces, then sent against them.

The Lady *Anne Bouchier* died on the 26th Day of *Jan.* in the 13th Year of Queen *Eliz.* and *Robert Savile*, *John Massingberd*, and *Dorothy* his Wife, *Margaret Tharold*, Widow, *Mary Hall*, *Thomas Horseman*, and *William Crompton*, Esq. the Heirs of Sir *William Say*, levied a Fine in *October Hillarii*, in the 18th of the Queen, of this Mannor to the Use of *Walter* Viscount *Hertford*, who, by Reason of his Descent from *Cicely*, the Sister and Heir to *Henry Bouchier* Earl of *Essex*, 4th of *May*, 14 *Eliz.* was created Earl of *Essex*, and was one of the Peers, that sat upon the Tryal of the Duke of *Norfolk*, in the Year of our Lord 1572; Anno 15 *Eliz.* he married *Lettice*, Daughter to Sir *Francis Knolls*, Knight of the Garter, by whom he had Issue two Sons, *Robert* and *Walter*, and two Daughters, *Penelope* first married to *Robert* Lord *Rich*, and afterwards to *Charles Blunt*, Earl of *Debon*, and *Dorothy* first married to Sir *Thomas Perrot*, Kt. and afterwards to *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland*; He devised this Mannor of *Bennington* by his Will dated 18 *Eliz.* 1576, to *Lettice* his Wife for the Term of her Life, and died of a Flux, 22d of *Sept.* following, but not without Suspicion of Poyson, and was buried at *Caermarthen* in *South Wales*.

But some time after the Death of this Earl, this Lady *Lettice* his Widow and Relict, married Sir *Christopher Blount*, in whose Right he became possess of this Mannor, and held Court Leet and Baron here Aug. 23, An. 35 *Eliz.*

But about two Years after, which was in *May*, 37 *Eliz.* this Sir *Christopher Blount* and Lady *Lettice* his Wife, and her Son *Robert* Earl of *Essex*, and others, conveyed this Mannor to *Thomas Crompton*, Esq. and to his Heirs; which *Thomas*, on the first of *July*, 37 *Eliz.* held Court Leet and Baron here; but soon after, he settled it upon *Mary* his Wife for her Joynture, and on the 3d of *July*, 41 *Eliz.* a Court was held here in both their Names.

Afterwards this Mannor came to the Possession of *Rich.* Earl of *Glantickard*, and *Frances* his Wife, the sole Daughter and Heir to Sir *Francis Walsingham*, Kt. one of the Secretaries of State to Queen *Eliz.* and Widow of *Robert* Earl of *Essex*, who held a Court in their Names for this Mannor.

But this Mannor was conveyed, Anno 1614, 12 *Jac. I.* to Sir *Charles Adelmare alias Caesar*; 29th of *April*, in the

*Fin. 13 Eliz.*

*Pat. 14 Eliz.*

*Dugd. Bar. 2  
vol. fol. 178.*

*Rot. Cur. 35  
Eliz.*

*Ibid. 41 Eliz.*

*Ibid. 1 Jac. I.*

same Year held a Court here; and soon after, Sir *Charles* settled the same on Dame *Anne* his Wife, the Daughter of Sir *Peter Vanlore*, Kt. and on Thursday, 4th of April, An. 14 Jac. another Court was held here, in both their Names; he was made one of the Masters of the Court of Chancery on the 30th of September, 1619, and Master of the Rolls on the 18th of March, 1638, which Office he held about four Years; and upon the Decease of *Anne* his Wife, he married *Jane* one of the Daughters of Sir *Robert Barkham*, Kt. one of the Aldermen and Lord Mayor of the City of London; by whom he had Issue *Julius*, *Henry*, *Charles*, *Edward*, *Charles*, and *Hugh*, but Sir *Charles* dyed of the small Pox at *Wenington*, on the 6th of December, in the Year of our Lord 1643, and *Julius* his Son dyed Dec. 11th following, and they were buried together in this Chancel.

*Henry* succeeded, and being within Age at the Death of his Father, his Wardship was granted to *Jane* his Mother: He spent some time in the Study of Logick and Philosophy in *Jesus Colledge* in *Cambridge*, thence was removed to the *Inner Temple*, and shortly after married *Elizabeth* the sole Daughter and Heir of *Robert Angel* of London, Merchant, by whom he had Issue *Julius*, who dyed in his Infancy, *Charles*, and *Jane* afterwards married to Sir *Thomas Pope Blunt* of *Tittenbanger*, in this County, Baronet. He served this County faithfully, in that Healing Parliament held An. 1660, 12 Car. II. which called King *Charles* to his Crown, was active there to suppress the Court of Wards and Liveries, and to ease the People of the Hardships and Charges which accrew to them by the Tenures of Knight Service, and from the Compositions which was yearly paid for Corn and Victual; was a Justice of the Peace of the *Quorum*, and Deputy Lieutenant for this County: He received the Honour of Knighthood on the 7th of July, in the same Year at *Whitehall*, which he justly merited, and at the next succeeding Parliament was chosen a Member thereof for this County (upon the Death of *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Shaftesbury*, in the Kingdom of Ireland) but during the Sitting of that Parliament, he unhappily fell sick of the small Pox, of which Distemper he dyed, generally lamented of all good People, and was buried here on the 12th Day of January, 1697. He was endowed with good Learning, great Parts, a quick Apprehension, and a clear and discerning Judgment, he was very loyal to the King, faithful to his Trust, always ready to ease the Subjects of their Grievances, and to alleviate all Impositions charged upon the County, which render'd him the Darling of the People: He was very hospitable in his House, charitable to the Poor, faithful to his Friend, Just in his Government, and a true Assertor of the reformed Religion; he left Issue

*Charles*, who was his Heir, spent some Years in *Kath-*  
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*rine-hall*, in the University of *Cambridge*, where he commenc'd Master of Arts, received the Honour of Knighthood, on the 4th of *October*, Anno 1671, when that University entertained King *Charles II.* And in short time after married *Susanna* the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Thomas Bonfoy* of *London*, Kt. Merchant; by whom he had Issue *Charles Henry, Elizabeth, and Thomas*; he served this County in two several Parliaments, one held Anno 30 *Car. II.* at *Westminster*, and the other at the Convention held Anno 1 *W. and M.* and also for the Burough of *Hertford*, in the Parliament held Anno — *Car. II.* He was a Justice of the Peace, and of the *Quorum*, and a Deputy Lieutenant for this County: He died seized of this Mannor, among several others, on the 15th of *August*, Anno 1694. He was very regular in his Life, and orderly in his Family, which made the Lives of his Servants very easie, and his House very quiet, never reprimanding a Servant oftner than once, and if the Party offended again, he was silently discharged without Noise or Notice of his Displeasure: this created in them an Awe and a great Observance to him; he was very generous to all whom he employed, but seldom pardoned a Slight to his Person, or a Contempt of his Business; he kept a splendid House, and a bountiful Table for those that visited him, and was very noble, yet prudent in his Entertainments; he declined all publick Employments during the Reigns of King *Charles II.* and King *James* his Brother, and affected not the Roman Party nor their Proselytes; he would not contract any Friendship or Acquaintance with any he thought scandalous, and abhor'd those who would purchase the Favour of their Prince with the Price of the Rights of the People; he would not willingly quarrel with his Neighbours, nor spair any Cost or Charge to obtain his Point; he never made more than one false Step in his Lifetime, which was pardonable, for when he discerned the Error, he mended the Fault, but Death cut him off before he could express it to the World, and doubtless he is happy in the Place, to which he is gone: And now I must proceed to

*Charles* his eldest Son, who succeeds him, is a Deputy Lieutenant, a Justice of the Peace, and the present Lord hereof; He gives *Gules, three Roses Argent on a Chief of the second, as many more of the Field; Crest on a Wreath, a Dolphin embowed naiant in Water proper.*

**T**HE Rectory of *Bevington*. Anno 26 *H. VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at 19*l.* per Annum, of which the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons.

#### RECTORS.

*Henry Cesar*, D.D. Dean of *Elp*  
*Nathaniel Dod*, who built great  
Part of the Parsonage House  
with Brick, at his own Charge,  
for the conveniency of his Suc-  
cessor s.

*Peter Fisher*, D.D. who has built  
the other Part of the Parsonage  
House, made it uniform with the  
former building, adorn'd it with a  
Court Yard, and enclosed it with  
a Brick-wall before the House.

The Church is situated in the Town, near the Mannor-house, where the ruins of an old Castle is to be seen, in the Deanery of Baldock, in the Diocese of Lincoln, and contains only the Body, wherein is a fair Gallery at the West End thereof, and at the East End a Chancel, with a Chapel on the North Side, and a square Tower at the West End of the Church, both which are covered with Lead; in the Tower is a Ring of five Bells, and a short spire erected upon it.

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A Marble under the Altar is thus inscribed.

*Hic jacet Hugo Dod, Generosus, a Comitatu Cestriensi ortus, erga Ecclesiam et Pauperes hujus Parochiae amplissimus Benefactor, qui obiit caeleste sortis Julii, 1644. Anno Ætat. 67.*

Another Stone on the North Side of the Altar has this Inscription.

*Exuvie*

*Nathanielis Dod, S.T.P. Rectoris hujus Ecclesie sub lata Resurrectionis (mediante Christo) hic repositus, qui vixit Curatus hic sub Decano Eliensi annos septem, Rector propriis jure annos 45. qui de novo extruxit vel reparavit Rectoris Edificia pens omnia, obiit Ætat. suæ Anno 82 Annoq; Dom. 1662.*

*C. S. D.*

To the name and memory of

Sir Charles Caesar, Kt.

Mr. of the Rolls,

Son, Heir, and Successor

To the Right Honourable

Sir Julius Caesar, Knight;

Privy Counsellor to two renowned Princes

James and Charles.

He was

An equal Distributor of unsuspected Justice;

Blind to the Person,

Quick-sighted to his Cause,

Jest without Corruption, Merciful without Affectation.

He lived

A Pious Favourite of his God, a loyal Subject to his Prince,

A sincere Servant to his Country, a severe Master to himself,

Charitable without Ostentation,

Religious without Faction:

He Died

As strong in Faith as stout in Resolution,

Truly Penitent, humbly Patient,

Not fearing Death nor desiring it;

Late frequent in Heavens, now fill'd with Halcyons.

The  
tender  
Hus-  
band  
of 2.  
virtu-  
ous  
wives

Amat.  
Jacet.

By whom he had issue

1. Jacobina deceased late.
- Three Sons who died before Baptism
5. A Daugh. Wife of
6. *Am* only Daugh-ter living.
1. *Julius*
  - Died— { Dec. 11.
  - Buried { A.M. day after in the same Gr-ave with his Father.
2. *Henry*
3. *James*
4. *Charles* } deceased
5. *Edward* } Living.
6. *Charles* }
7. a Daugh. deceased before Bapt.
8. *St.*
9. *James* } Deceased.

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He died in the year of  
Nature 53. } Grace 1643.  
Tuesday } Decemb. 6.  
Nathaniel, David, Jonathan, Uzila, Josephus,  
Simplicitate Toro, Pectore Prole Thoro.

Another Stone.

*Seholes Casaria.*

Jana obiit 25. | Carolus obiit 21<sup>mo</sup>. | Edwardus obiit  
Jan. 1631. | Januarii 1634. | 10<sup>mo</sup>. Jun. 1639.

Carolo M<sup>ro</sup> Rotularum ex Jana Parente.

Premissi | A Daughter who | Dinah obiit 29. | Jana obiit 2<sup>10</sup>.  
non Amisi. | died before Bapt. | Jan. 1639. | Novemb. 1643

Another Stone has this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of the most vertuous, charitable and truly Religious Lady Dame *Jane Caesar*, Daughter to Sir *Edward Barkham*, Kt. Lord Mayor of London, late Wife of Sir *Charles Caesar*, Kt. Master of the Rolls, by whom he had nine Children, two only surviving her, viz. Sir *Henry Caesar*, Kt. Lord of this Mannor, and *Charles Caesar* of *Stutch Babbam*, Esq; She lived Wife to Sir *Charles Caesar* fifteen years and remained his Widow eighteen: She died in the 66<sup>th</sup>. year of her age at *Stutch Babbam* in this County, much Honoured, much Lamented, 16. Junii, and was here interr'd, 27. Junii 1661, in hopes of a blessed Resurrection.

Sir *Charles Caesar's*  
Coat of Armes.

Sir *Charles* his Coat  
with here impaled.

Another Marble on the Right Hand.

Here lyeth the Body  
Sir *Charles Caesar*,  
died most Religion  
of the same Month  
ing alive behind he  
remaining of six Cl  
cond Child being a  
buried in St. Dunst  
Sons and one Dang  
of the blessed Resurrection.

r, Wife of  
d, so she  
the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
old, leav-  
Daughters  
re, her se-  
and lyeth  
being two  
re in hope

*Caesar's* and *Vanlers's* Coat impaled.

An Encomiastick or rather Hymnistick of her many Vertues,  
being but touched and not fully expressed.

Unfeigned Piety, Modesty, sincere Affection,  
House-Government, Patience, sweet Conversation,  
Humility, Chastity, or what can be said  
Ever to have been in one Woman or Maid.  
Weep all in her, and more to comprehend,  
If more can be, she had unto her end.

There are two ancient Monuments of the Beneteds.

In the Body of the Church.

*William Clarke* fourth Son of *George Clarke* exchanged his Life the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
day of May, 1601. Who was as thou art, and is as thou shalt be.

Another Stone has this.

Here lyeth the Body of *John Clarke* of this Town of *Wenington*, Coun-  
sellor at Law, who married with one of the Daughters of *Robert Cole* of  
*Warrchall* in the County of *Suffolke*, Gent. who had issue by her one  
Son named *William*; three Daughters named *Anne*, *Edith*, and *Eliza-  
beth*, he died the 11<sup>th</sup>. of June 1604, aged—

## Another Stone.

Here lyeth the Body of *Jane Parsons*, Widow of *John Parsons* sometime of *Erton* in the County of *Southampton*, Gent. and eldest Daughter of *John Norton* of *Blisford* in the same County, and the said *Jane* departed this Life the 18th. of *September* 1636.

Under this Stone lyeth buried the Body of *Christopher Kent*, Gent. who deceased the 16th. of *April* 1681. Aged 62 years and 6 months.

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Stadholder

## WALKERNE

**HAD** its Name from the moist and ousing Springs which reinforce the River of *Bean* or *Benefician*, with a Stream that driveth a Mill at the South End of the Town; for *Wall* in the Saxon Language signifies a moist or watry Place; and 'tis recorded in the time of *William* the Conqueror under the Title of *Terra Tainorum Regis*.

*Derman tenet 12 Alchra, pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est duodecim car. in Dom. quinq; hida et ibi sunt duo car. et alia dua possunt fieri, ibi quatuor. decem Vill. cum Presbitero, et sex bordis habentibus octo car. ibi octo cotar. et quatuor Servi, pastura ad pec. Silva ducent. porcis, in totis valent valet decem libr. quando recepit octo libr. tempore Regis Edwardi sexdecim libr. Hoc Manerium tenuit Aluninus Horne teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 142, n. 42.

*Derman* held *12 Alchra* or *12 Alchra*; it was rated at ten Hides, the arable is twelve Carucates, in Demeasne five Hides, and there are two Carucates and other two may be made, there are fourteen Villains with a Presbiter or Priest, and six Bordars having eight Carucates, there are eight Cottagers, and four Servants, Common for the Cattle, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth ten Pounds, when he received it eight Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) sixteen Pounds. *Athine Horne* a Thane of King *Edward* held this Manor, and might sell it.

I have spoken of this *Derman* in the Parish of *St. Martin*; he was one of the King's Thanes, and might hold this Manor by Reason of his Office, which was a Place of Attendance on the King: But about the time of King *H. II.* it was in the Possession of *William Lanvalley*, all whose Lands were seized into the King's Hands in the Reign of *R. I.* but upon the Payment of one hundred Marks to the King, he obtained Favour, was restored to his Estate, and died *Anno 12 Johan.* as it seems, for then *Hawise* his Wife paid 200 Marks for his Lands.

Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 633. Rot.  
6 R. I. Essex  
and Herts.

*William*, who I suppose, was his Son and Heir, succeeded, for *Alan Basset*, *Anno 14 Joh.* gave to the King an hundred Marks and an excellent Palfrey that his Daughter might marry the Heir of *William de Lanvalley*, and upon the doing of his Homage might be discharged of his Relief; he was very active among the rebellious Barons against the King *Anno 17 Joh.* but upon that general Composure made 1 *H. III.* he procured the King's Favour, and died leaving by *Hawise* his Wife

Rot. Pip. 14  
Joh. Essex &  
Herts.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 633.

*Hawise*, who was his sole Daughter and Heir, then under Age, whereupon *Hubert d' Burgh*, Earl of *Kent* and Chief

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Justice of England, obtained the Wardship of her, and married her to

*Lel. Coll. vol.  
2, 375.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 633.*

*John d'Burgh*, his Son and Heir, who held this Mannor of ~~Waltham~~ *Waltham* in her Right, during her Life, by whom she had Issue *John*; she died *Anno 1249, 33 H. III.* and after her Decease, he held her Inheritance as Tenant, by the Courtesy of the Barony of *Lamballen*, paying one hundred Pounds for his Relief.

*Plac. Coron.  
6 Ed. I. Rot.  
54, cur. re-  
cept. in Scac.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 700, 933.  
Rot. Fis. 8  
Ed. I.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 231.*

After his Decease, *John* their Son and Heir had Livery of this Mannor, *Anno 3 Edw. I. 1275*, and died seized hereof in the Year of our Lord 1280, 8 *Edw. I.* leaving Issue three Daughters who were his Coheirs; *Hawise* married to *Robert d'Grelley*, *Devorgil* married to *Robert Fitz Walter*, and *Margery* a Nun at *Chickland*, in the County of *Bedford*, and upon the Partition, this Mannor fell to the Lot of

*Claus. 6 Ed.  
II.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 231.*

*Devorgil*, the Wife of *Robert Fitz Walter*, who held it in her Right; he had Livery thereof upon the Assignment of her Purparty of the Lands of *John d'Burgh* her Father, and he surviving held it by the Courtesy of England for his Life, and obtained License of the King *Anno 6 Edw. II.* that *Christian*, one of the Daughters and Coheir of her Mother *Devorgil*, being then of full Age, might have this Lordship for Part of her Purparty. He had Summons to Parliament from the 23d Year of *Edw. I.* to the 19th of *Edw. II.* inclusive, when 'tis presumed that he died, for in that Year, *Ralph* his Son and Heir had Livery of his Lands.

*Christian* succeeded in this Mannor, married — *Mareschal*, by whom he had Issue

*Bar. vol. 2,  
fol. 26.*

*William d'Mareschal*, who was her Son and Heir, and upon her Death, inherited this Mannor, and had Issue *John d'Mareschal* of *Bingham*, in the County of *Norfolke*, and *Hawise*, a Daughter.

*John* was his Heir, and was possess of this Mannor, *Anno 10 Edw. II.* but dying without Issue, it came to

*Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 600.*

*Hawise* his Sister, who at the time of his Death was fifteen Years of Age; she married *Robert Lord Morley*, who had Livery of the Lands of her Inheritance, *Anno 10 Edw. II.* held the Office of Marshal of Ireland by Descent, and had Issue by *Robert* her Husband, *William*, who was her Son and Heir; however *Robert d'Morley* surviving his Wife, was Tenant of this Mannor by the Courtesy of England, during his Life.

*Bar. vol. 2,  
fol. 26.*

After his Death, *William* who was Heir to *Hawise* his Mother, then knighted, and 30 Years of Age, held it, and doing his Homage had Livery hereof; He married *Cicely*, Daughter of the Lord *Wardolfe*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas* and *Robert*; he was summoned to Parliament from the 38th Year of *Edw. III.* to the 2nd *Rich. II.* inclusive, and by his Will dated at *Wallingburp-magna* in *Essex*, 26

*Claus. de ill-  
dem annis.*

*Aug. 1370, 2 Rich. II.* bequeathed his Body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Augustines at *Portwich*; and on the 30th *April* following he died seized hereof, leaving *Thomas* his Heir; but *Cicely* his Wife then surviving, she held this Mannor for her Life, bequeathed her Body by her Will dated on Thursday, the Eve of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, in the Year 1386, 10 *Rich. II.* to be buried in the same Church where her Husband lay interred; she died on the Friday next after the Feast of *St. Andrew* the Apostle then following.

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*Thomas* being Heir to his Father, and then of full Age, was knighted, did Homage, and had Livery of his Lands; He married *Ann* Daughter of *Edward Lord Dispencer*, by *Elizabeth de Burghes* his first Wife, who was Widow of *Sir Hugh de Hastings*, Knight, by whom he had *Sir Thomas Morley*, Knight: He was summoned to Parliament from the 5th *Rich. II.* to the 4th *Hen. V.* and died the 24th of *September* in the same Year, seiz'd hereof.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 157.*

*Claus. de iis-  
dem annis.*

Upon whose Death this Mannor came to *Thomas*, the eldest Son of *Sir Robert Morley*, by *Isabel* his Wife, Daughter of the Lord *Morley*, who was his next Heir, and at that time 23 Years of Age, for *Sir Robert* dyed in his Life-time: He was Marshal of *Ireland*, Anno 6 *Henry V.* and served that King with ten Men at Arms, and thirty Archers, in that Expedition the King then made into *France*; and he bore one of the Banners of Saints, which were carried at the Funeral of the King. He married *Isabel*, one of the Daughters of *Michael de la Pole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, by whom he had Issue *Robert*, and having been summoned to Parliament from the 5th of *Henry VI.* until the 13th of that King's Reign, dyed upon the Tuesday next after the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Anno 14 *Henry VI.* seized hereof, leaving

*Bar. vol. 2,  
fol. 27.*

*Robert* his Son and Heir, who was then 17 Years of Age, married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *William Lord Roos*, by whom he had Issue

*Alianore*, who was his Daughter and Heir, at that time six Months old; afterwards she married *William Lovel*, second Son to *William Lord Lovel* of *Uitchmersh*, and *Alice* his Wife, Sister of *William Lord Beincourt*, for which Reason he was called Lord *Morley*, and by her had Issue *Henry* and *Alice*, who married *Sir William Parker*, Knight: He dyed on the Morrow after the Feast of *St. James* the Apostle, Anno 16 *Edw. IV.* and *Alianore* his Wife, deceased on the 20th of *August* following, seized of this Mannor of *Chalkerne*, leaving

*Ibid.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 569. b.*

*Bar. 16 Ed.  
IV.*

*Henry* her Son and Heir, then eleven Years of Age; He bore the Title of Lord *Morley*, had a special Livery of the Lands of her Inheritance, Anno 14 *H. VII.* married *Eliza-*

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*beth* the Daughter of ———, and being sent with the Lord *Dawbeny* and others, from England into Flanders, in the same Year, to the Aid of *Maximilian* King of the Romans, against whom a Rebellion in those Parts had been raised, was unhappily slain at *Bixmude* by a Gunshot, and buried at *Calite*, leaving no Issue, whereby this Mannor came to *Alice* his Sister, who was then married to Sir *William Parker*, Kt. by whom he had Issue

*Claus. de eod.  
anno indorso.*

*Henry*, who was summoned to Parliament, by the Title of Lord *Mortley*, Anno 21 H. VIII. and the said *Alice* surviving, married Sir *Edward Howard*, Kt. Both whom, by Deed dated 8th of April, 21 H. VII. sold this Mannor of *Whalkeerne*, with the Appurtenances, Leets, Courts, Liberties, and all other Lands and Tenements, Rents and Services, Profits and Commodities belonging to the same; and the Advowson of the Church of *Whatchworth*, in this County, to Sir *William Capel*, Kt. and his Heirs for ever: From whom it was past with the Mannor of *Whadham*, till it came to *Arthur* late Earl of *Essex*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, who surviving, is the present Possessor hereof.

*Chant. penes  
Com. Essex.*

THE Rectory Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 20*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* and Mrs *Anne Gardiner*, Widow, is Patron hereof.

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*Edw. How*, ob. 21 April, 1606

*John Clarke*, ob. 23 May, 1612

*George Barry*, ob. 27 July, 1632

*John Gorsuch*, D.D. the Son of *Daniel Gorsuch*, of London, Merchant, who built a square Pile of Brick on the West Side of the River *Bean*; about 1633 presented his Son to it, who was Seques-

tred Anno 1642, for his Loyalty to King *Charles*

*Simon Smeath*, ob. 6 Jan. 1679

*Sam. Gardiner*, erected the Chancel, Anno 1686, and resigned, Anno —

*Godfrey Gardiner*, the present Rector.

This Church is dedicated to the Honour of the Virgin *Mary*, and is situated near the Vill, on the East side of the River *Beans* in the Deanery of *Baldock* in the Diocess of *Lincolns*; it contains three Isles with a square Tower at the West End, wherein are five Bells, cast Anno 1697, and a Chancel at the East End thereof cover'd with Tile, but the Church and Tower with Lead.

In the South Wall of the Chancel is a Monument erected with the Figures of a Man and a Woman kneeling upon Cushions, and a Book before either of them, with this Inscription over their Heads.

*Daniel Gorsuch* Citizen and Mercer of London, in the Month of July 1638, caused this Tomb to be made for himself and his Wife *Alice*, by whom he had three Children, *John*, *Katharine* and *Joanna*, his age being — years two Months — dayes, and he died the 8th day of October 1638.

Over his head is his Coat of Armes, where he bears Sable, two Bends invert and three Flower d'Lucies Or.

Under him the Pourtraiture of his Son in a Scarf and Gown and his two Daughters kneeling with a Book before either of them.

Over her Head the Armes of the Halls in *Lincolns*shire, and over both (in the top of the Monument) are the Armes of the *Gorsuches*.

In the East Window of the Chancel, in the middle is the King's Armes, on the right Side the Armes of Gorsuch, with a Crest, a Coronet and a demy Lion; on the left Side the Armes of the Mercers Company.

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*In the middle of the Chancel lies a Stone with the Figures of a Man and Woman cut in Brass, with this Inscription under them.*

Here rests in hopes of a joyful Resurrection the Body of William Chapman, Citizen and Haberdasher of London, and Anne his Wife, by whom he had six Sons and six Daughters, he departed this Life the 27th of September 1621. *Ætat. suæ* 71. She exchanged this life for immortality the 23d of Apr. 1626. *Ætat. suæ* 76.

*Underneath are fixed two Brasses on the same Stone, one contains the Figures of the six Sons, the other of the six Daughters.*

*On the left Hand of this Stone lies another with this Inscription.*

Here lieth the Body of Henry Clarke, Citizen and sometimes Master of the Merchant Taylors Company in London; he died the 8th of October 1600. aged 65. years, who left issue four Sons and two Daughters.

This Stone was laid at the charge of his Daughter Johannah, who desired to be here interred.

*A Stone lying in the Passage out of this Chancel into the Church has this Inscription.*

Here lyeth the Body of John Humberston the Son of Richard Humberston late of ~~Balkerns~~ Balkerns-park, who had two Wives; he had issue by them both, and departed the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord God 1590. His Armes *Argent three Bars sable in chief as many Eggeses, Crest on a Wreath a Griffins head eraz'd argent, beaked, barbed and eared sable, charged with three plates in pale.*

*This Inscription is upon another Stone in the middle Isle.*

Here lies the Body of William Branfield, Gent. sometime Student of ~~Craven-hall~~ Craven-hall, who had two Wives, Anne and Mary, and had issue by the first six Sons and ten Daughters, and by the second five Daughters; who deceased the eighth day of December, An. 1596. being of the age of 65. years.

*In the South Wall on the right Hand of the Door at the entrance into the Church, lies the Effigies of a Man in Armour, cross Legg'd with his Spurs on, a Shield in his left Hand, carved in Stone. The Inhabitants have a Tradition that he was Lord of Warburton which anciently belonged to the Knights Templers.*

*A Monument erected upon a Pillar between the South Isle and the Body of the Church, where there is the Figures of a Man and a Woman having a Desk and two Books on both Sides, with the Arms of the Humberstons over the Man's Head, and a Coat over the Woman's Head quartered with the Humberstons, and this Inscription upon it.*

This Monument was erected by Mary Humberston, Widow, in memory of her dear and loving Husband Gyles Humberston of this Parish in the County of Hertford, Gent. by whom she had seven Sons and two Daughters; he departed this Life the 15th. of January 1627.

'Tis not a Stone, Dear Sir, can deck your Herse,  
Nor can your worth lodge in a narrow verse.  
No loving Husband this engraven breadth  
Is not to speak yourself, but weep your Death:  
And is erected by the ingenious Trust,  
Of a sad Wife in Honour of your dust.

## ESTONE, ASTON.

SO called by the Saxons, in Regard of its Situation towards the East from some of the neighbouring Villis, and shews itself upon an Hill on the West Side of the River



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Beane or Benefician, above two Miles distant from ~~Mal-~~kerne; in the time of William the Conqueror it was Parcel of the Revenue of the Bishop of Bayeux in France, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 124, n. 5.*

*Episcopus Bajocensis tenet Eston pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est quindecim car. in dominio quatuor hidæ, et ibi quatuor car. et quinta potest fieri, ibi est Presbyter, et undecim Vill. cum quinque bordis habentibus quinque car. et aliæ quinque possunt fieri, ibi sex cotar. et quatuor servi, pratum duo car. pastura ad pec. Silva ducent. porcis, in totis valent. valet octo decem lib. Quando recepit quatuor decem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. lib. Hoc Manerium tenuerunt tres homines Stigandi Archiepiscopi, et vendere potuerunt.*

The Bishop of Bayeux held Eston, it was rated for ten hides. The arable is fifteen Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there are four Carucates and a fifth may be made, there is a Presbyter and eleven Villains, with five Bordars having five Carucates, and five other may be made, there are six Cottagers, and four Servants, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth eighteen Pounds a Year, when he received it fourteen Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twenty Pounds. Three Men (under the Protection) of Stigand the Archbishop, held this Mannor and might sell it.

When King William had secured the Crown of England to himself, his Normans began to rebel, upon which he made his Brother Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, and William Fitz-Osborne, Earl of Hereford, Wardens of England, and return'd into Normandy, with divers of the Nobility of England, to reduce the People in that Country to their former Obedience, whilst he was employed there; he had Notice that Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, and Earl of Kent, aspired to the Papacy, and that he had bought a Pallace at Rome, whither he was going with a great Retinue of Normans, and much Treasure, but on the sudden meeting him unexpectedly in the Isle of Wight, seiz'd on him with his own Hands, when he could not persuade others to do it, and took from him all his Treasure, for oppressing the People under his Government, seducing them to leave the Realm, robbing the Churches, and sent him Prisoner to the Castle of Rhovan in Normandy, where he continued until the Death of King William; thus this Mannor came to the Crown.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 418.*

Shortly after, Adelia, Queen to King Hen. I. gave it with the Church, and all its Appurtenances to God, and the blessed Mary the Virgin, and to the Abbot and Monks of Reading. And upon a Quo Warranto brought before Robert de Ufford and Ralph de Sandwich, the Jury did find that it was antient Demesne, held of the King, and that the Abbot of Reading, held it of the Gift of King Henry, the Son of the Conqueror, and the Abbot shewed, that one Adelyda, late Queen to King Hen. I. gave it to the same Abbot and Monks; with Soc, Sac, Thol, Them, Infangthef, and other Liberties, as freely as she held in Demesne of the

said *Henry* her Husband; and King *Henry II. Richard I. King John*, and *Henry III.* confirmed the Grant with divers other Liberties and Additions, that they should be quit and discharged from Shires and Hundreds, from Toll, &c. but upon the general Dissolution of Monasteries, it came to the Crown, from whence it was conveyed to Sir *John Butler* of *Watton Woodhall*, Knight, and continued in his Name, until it came to *John Boteler*, Esq. who is his Descendant, and the present Lord hereof.

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THE Rectory, Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 26*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* and the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons hereof.

#### THE RECTORS.

Mr. Craven      Mr. Burnap      Mr. James      Mr. Reeve.

This Church is situated upon a Hill, in the middle of the Parish, in the Deanery of *Baldock*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, it contains only the Body with the Chancel, and a Tower at the West End, with an admirable Ring of five Bells, all covered with Lead, and a small Shaft upon the Tower. Within the Chancel and Church are Stones which have these Inscriptions.

Here lyeth interred the Body of *Essex Reeve*, Daughter of *Richard Cooling*, Esq; and second Wife of *Samuel Reeve*, Rector of this Parish, by whom he had issue two Sons, *Samuel* and *Richard*, She departed this Life the 25*th* day of *October*, 1693. in the 24*th* year of her Age.

Here lyeth the Body of *Samuel Reeve*, Esquire, late of this Parish; who departed this Life, the 9*th* day of *January*, 1683.

*Aged 72. Years.*

This *Samuel Reeve* was sometime Alderman of the City of *London*, and when he laid down his Cloath he was constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 1671. 23 Car. II.

Here lyeth the Body of *Susanna*, late Wife of *Samuel Reeve* of this Parish, Rector, and Daughter of *George Nodes* of *Shephallbury* in this County, Esquire, She dyed in Childbed of her first Child, who was baptized *Samuel*, and lyeth buried hereunder by her,  
*December 27. 1686. and in the 20*th* year of her Age.*

#### In the Church.

Here lyeth buried the Body of *John Licnt*, late Servant to King *Edward* the sixth, Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Elizabeth*, who married *Mary*, the Daughter of *Thomas Saunders*, and had issue by her five Sons, and five Daughters, which *John* deceased the fourth day of *August*, in the year of our Lord God, 1692. *Ætatis sue 72.*

Now I shall conclude the Division of this Chief Constable with this Vill, and proceed to the next, which contains the Vills and Hamlets of *Knebworth*, *Stebenedge*, *Wimondly Parva*, *Wimondly Magna*, *Crabeley*, *Chibersfield*, *Box*, or *Borburies*, *Wexton*, *Baldock*, *Letchworth*, and *Willen*.

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fol. 124, n. 5.*

*Episcopus Bajocensis tenet Estone pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est quindecim car. in dominio quatuor hidæ, et ibi quatuor car. et quinta potest fieri, ibi est Presbyter, et undecim Vill. cum quinque bordis habentibus quinque car. et alia quinque possunt fieri, ibi sex cotar. et quatuor servi, pratum duo car. pastura ad pec. Silva ducent. porcis, in totis valent. valet octo decem lib. Quando recepit quatuor decem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. lib. Hoc Manerium tenuerunt tres homines Stigandi Archiepiscopi, et vendere potuerunt.*

The Bishop of **Bayeux** held **Eston**, it was rated for ten hides. The arable is fifteen Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there are four Carucates and a fifth may be made, there is a Presbyter and eleven Villains, with five Bordars having five Carucates, and five other may be made, there are six Cottagers, and four Servants, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth eighteen Pounds a Year, when he received it fourteen Pounds, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) twenty Pounds. Three Men (under the Protection) of **Stigand** the Archbishop, held this Mannor and might sell it.

When King **William** had secured the Crown of **England** to himself, his **Normans** began to rebel, upon which he made his Brother **Odo**, Bishop of **Bayeux**, and **William Fitz-Osborne**, Earl of **Hereford**, Wardens of **England**, and return'd into **Normandy**, with divers of the Nobility of **England**, to reduce the People in that Country to their former Obedience, whilst he was employed there; he had Notice that **Odo**, Bishop of **Bayeux**, and Earl of **Kent**, aspired to the Papacy, and that he had bought a Pallace at **Rome**, whither he was going with a great Retinue of **Normans**, and much Treasure, but on the sudden meeting him unexpectedly in the Isle of **Wight**, seiz'd on him with his own Hands, when he could not persuade others to do it, and took from him all his Treasure, for oppressing the People under his Government, seducing them to leave the Realm, robbing the Churches, and sent him Prisoner to the Castle of **Rhoen** in **Normandy**, where he continued until the Death of King **William**; thus this Mannor came to the Crown.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 418.*

Shortly after, **Adelia**, Queen to King **Hen. I.** gave it with the Church, and all its Appurtenances to God, and the blessed **Mary** the Virgin, and to the Abbot and Monks of **Reading**. And upon a *Quo Warranto* brought before **Robert de Ufford** and **Ralph de Sandwich**, the Jury did find that it was antient Demesne, held of the King, and that the Abbot of **Reading**, held it of the Gift of King **Henry**, the Son of the Conqueror, and the Abbot shewed, that one **Adelyda**, late Queen to King **Hen. I.** gave it to the same Abbot and Monks; with Soc, Sac, Thol, Them, Infangthef, and other Liberties, as freely as she held in Demesne of the

said *Henry* her Husband; and King *Henry II. Richard I. King John*, and *Henry III.* confirmed the Grant with divers other Liberties and Additions, that they should be quit and discharged from Shires and Hundreds, from Toll, &c. but upon the general Dissolution of Monasteries, it came to the Crown, from whence it was conveyed to Sir *John Butler* of ~~Wotton~~ ~~Woodhall~~, Knight, and continued in his Name, until it came to *John Boteler*, Esq. who is his Descendant, and the present Lord hereof.

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**T**HE Rectory, Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 26l. 11s. 6d. and the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons hereof.

*The RECTORS.*

Mr. Craven    Mr. Burnap    Mr. James    Mr. Reeve.

This Church is situated upon a Hill, in the middle of the Parish, in the Deanery of ~~Wotton~~, in the Diocess of ~~Lincoln~~, it contains only the Body with the Chancel, and a Tower at the West End, with an admirable Ring of five Bells, all covered with Lead, and a small Shaft upon the Tower. Within the Chancel and Church are Stones which have these Inscriptions.

Here lyeth interred the Body of *Essex Reeve*, Daughter of *Richard Cooling*, Esq; and second Wife of *Samuel Reeve*, Rector of this Parish, by whom he had issue two Sons, *Samuel* and *Richard*, She departed this Life the 25th day of *October*, 1693. in the 24th year of her Age.

Here lyeth the Body of *Samuel Reeve*, Esquire, late of this Parish; who departed this Life, the 9th day of *January*, 1688.

*Aged 72. Years.*

This *Samuel Reeve* was sometime Alderman of the City of *London*, and when he laid down his Cloath he was constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 1671. 23 Car. II.

Here lyeth the Body of *Susanna*, late Wife of *Samuel Reeve* of this Parish, Rector, and Daughter of *George Nokes* of *Shephallurp* in this County, Esquire, She dyed in Childbed of her first Child, who was baptized *Samuel*, and lyeth buried hereunder by her,

*December 27. 1685. and in the 20th year of her Age.*

*In the Church.*

Here lyeth buried the Body of *John Lient*, late Servant to King *Edward* the sixth, Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Elizabeth*, who married *Mary*, the Daughter of *Thomas Saunders*, and had issue by her five Sons, and five Daughters, which *John* deceased the fourth day of *August*, in the year of our Lord God, 1592. *Ætatis sue* 72.

Now I shall conclude the Division of this Chief Constable with this Vill, and proceed to the next, which contains the Vills and Hamlets of *Wnebworth*, *Stebenedge*, *Wimondly*, *Barba*, *Wimondly Magna*, *Crabeley*, *Chibesfield*, *Box*, or *Borburies*, *Wleston*, *Waldock*, *Letchworth*, and *Wilsen*.

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The third Part of the third Division.

## CHENEPEWORDE, KNEBBE- WORTH, KNEBWORTH.

SCITUATED upon a fair Hill, two Miles distant from Aston to the West, you may behold *Knebworth*, a Vill then called *Chenepeworde* in *Domesdei Book*; for in those Days, the Letter *K* was not known, but exprest by *Ch*, and when that Letter was used in our English, it was termed *Knepteword*, since that *Knebleworth*, and now by Contraction of the Word *Knebworth*, derived from the Habitation or Dwelling of some antient Possessor hereof. In the time of *William the Conqueror*, it is recorded under the Title of

*Terra Eudonis Fii Huberti*

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 139, n. 31.

*In Bradewater Hundred. Eudo Dapifer, et Humphridus de eo tenet Chenepeworde, pro octo hidis et un. virgat. se defendebat. Terra est duodecim car. in Dominio duo car. et alia duo possunt fieri. Ibi vigint. Vil. cum duobus Militibus, et duobus Bordis habentibus octo car. ibi tres Cotarii, et quatuor Servi. et duo Rustici et un. Molin. de duodecim sol. pratum dim. car. Pastura ad pec. Ville, Silva mille porc. In totis valent. valet decem libras, quando recepit centum sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi duodecim lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Aschil Teignus Regis Edwardi, et ibi unus homo ejus habuit unam hidam et unam virgatam, et vendere potuit. De consuetudine unam averam inveniebat cum Rex in Syera veniebat, si non quinq. denar. reddebat.*

The Land of Eudo, the Son of Hubert.

*Eudo Dapifer* and *Humphry* held of him *Chenepeworde* in the Hundred of *Bradewater*, it was rated for eight Hides and one Virgate. The arrable is twelve Carucates, in Demeasne two Carucates, and two others may be made. There are twenty Villains, with two Knights, and two Bordars having eight Carucates, there are three Cottagers, and four Servants, and two Rusticks, and one Mill of twelve Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed a thousand Hogs. In the whole Value it is worth ten Pounds by the Year, when he received it, one hundred Shillings by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) twelve Pounds by the Year; *Aschil*, a Thane of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Mannor, and one Man of his (under his Protection) had one Hide, and one Virgate there, and might sell it. He did find an Horse for his Service, when the King did come into the Shire, if not, he did pay five Pence.

This *Eudo Dapifer* was the fourth Son of *Hubert de Rye*, a wise Counsellour and trusty Servant to *William Duke of Normandy*, of whom I have treated in the Parish of *Aspenden*, whither I refer the Reader, from whom this Mannor passed to *William de Mandeville*, in such Manner as that did.

*Robert de Hoo* was the next Person whom I find was Lord hereof; he obtained a Charter dated 20 *Edw. I.* for a Market to be held every Week on the Friday at his Mannor of *Knebworth* in this County, and a Fair yearly there on the Eve, Day, and Morrow of the Decollation of *St. John Baptist*, and also for Free-warren in all his Demeasne





Lands, within the Lordships of ~~Knobbenorth~~ and ~~Harpeden~~, in this County.

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*Bar. vol. 2,  
fol. 63.*

In the time of *Edw. II.* this Mannor was in the Possession of *Thomas de Brotherton*, who was the fifth Son to King *Edw. I.* and his second Son by Queen *Margaret*, his second Wife; he received his Sirname from ~~Brotherton~~ in ~~Porkshire~~, where he was born *Anno 1300*, *28 Edw. I.* and his Mother ordered that he should be named *Thomas* at the Font, because she found speedy Ease in the time of her Extremity, when she invocated *St. Thomas* the Martyr, for the Mitigation of her Pain in Childbirth; he married *Alice* the Daughter of Sir *Roger Halys* of ~~Wartoth~~, Kt. by whom he had Issue two Daughters, *Margaret* and *Alice*, who were his Heirs, he died the 12th of *Edw. III.* and was buried in the Abby of *St. Edmunds-bury* in *Suffolk*.

*Margaret*, the eldest Daughter, had this Mannor upon the Partition, married *John de Segrave*, and after his Decease, Sir *Walter Manny*, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, who had Summons to Parliament among the Barons of this Realm, from *21 Edw. III.* to 44 of his Reign, and died seized of this, among many other Mannors, which he held in Right of *Margaret* his Wife, on the Thursday next ensuing the Feast of *St. Hilary*, *Anno 46 Edw. III.* leaving *Anne*, and was buried in the Monastery of the *Cartusians*, which he formed in a Place called the *Charterhouse*, without the Bars near ~~West~~ *Smithfield*, *London*.

*Bar. vol. 2,  
fol. 150.*

*Exc. 46 Ed.  
III. n. 38.*

*Margaret* his Widow surviving him, held this Mannor, and at the Coronation of King *R. II.* claimed the Office of Marshal of *England*, and prayed that she might execute it by Deputy, and have all the Fees and Profits thereof; and tho' this was not granted, because the time was so short, that her Claim could not be fully discussed, yet *Anno 21 R. II.* she was advanced to the Title of Duchess of ~~Portfolk~~, for Life, with an Assignation of forty Marks *per Annum*, out of the Issues of that County; she died the Year following, and was buried in the Church of the Friars Minors in *London*, where she had made Stalls in the Quire, at her own Charges, *Anno 1380*, to the Value of 350 Marks,

*Claus. 1 R. II.  
m. 45.*

*Claus. 21 R. II.  
23 R. II. n. 22.  
Rot. Parl. 21  
R. II. n. 35.  
T. Wals. p.  
393, n. 40, &  
395.  
Stow's Surv.  
p. 341.*

*Anne* was the Daughter and Heir of this Dutchess, and married *John de Hastings*, Earl of ~~Pembroke~~, but after the Death of this Dutchess, I find

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Sir *Thomas Bouchier* shortly after obtained this Mannor; he was Son to Sir *John Bouchier*, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, he assisted *Henry* Earl of *Richmond*, upon his March towards *Bosworth-field*, shared in the Glory of that happy Victory, and sold this Mannor, Anno 7 H. VII. to

*Robert Lytton* in the County of *Derby*, Esq. who was Under Treasurer in the Court of *Exchequer*, Keeper of the great Wardrobe to King H. VII. and one of his Privy Council; he died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

*William Lytton*, who was his Heir, Governour of the Castle of *Bulloigne* in *France*, and constituted Sheriff for this County and *Essex*, Anno 2 H. VIII. He married *Audry* the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Philip Booth*, Kt. by whom he had Issue, *Robert*, *Rowland*, and *Dorothy*; he dyed and was buried in the Burial-place near his Father in this Parish.

Sir *Robert Lytton* succeeded, was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 37 H. VIII. he received the Honour of Knighthood, and married *Frances* the Daughter of *Anthony Cavalary*, by whom he had Issue three Daughters, *Helen* married to Sir *John Brocket*, Kt. *Elizabeth* married first to *Thomas Little*, Esq. after his Decease, to *Edward Barret*, Esq. and *Anne* married to *John Borlace*, Esq. but dying without Heir male of his Body, this Mannor came to

Sir *Rowland Lytton*, who was his Brother, and his next Heir male; constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 10 Eliz. afterwards knighted; he married *Margaret Tate* of *Callit*, by whom he had Issue, *Mary* first married to *Thomas Harleston*, Esq. after his Decease, to *Edward Pulter*, Esq. And upon the Decease of *Margaret*, he married *Anne Carleton*, by whom he had Issue *Rowland*, and *Frances* married to Sir *Anthony Cope*, Kt.; he died the 16th of July, 1582, and lyes buried in this Chancel.

Sir *Rowland* succeeded his Father, was constituted Lieutenant of this County, and commanded their Forces at *Uxbridge* Camp, Anno 1588. He was also made *Custos Rotulorum*, Captain of the Band of Pensioners under Queen *Elizabeth*, Sheriff of this County, Anno 1594, 36 Eliz. and knighted, An. 1605, 3 Jac. I. He married *Anne*, one of the Daughters of *Oliver* Lord Saint *John*, Baron of *Wiltshire*, in the County of *Bedford*, (the Widow of *Robert Corbet*, Esq.) and Mother to *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Henry Wallop*, Kt. and *Anne* married to *Adolph Cary*, Esq.; this *Rowland* had Issue by her *William*, *Rowland*, *Philip*, *Anne* married to Sir *William Webb*, *Judith* to Sir *George Smith* of *Annablen*, Kt.; and after his Decease, to Sir *Thomas Barring-*

ton, Knight and Baronet; *Elizabeth* to *Thomas Windham*, Esq. and *Jane* to *Sir Charles Crofts* of *Wardwel* in *Suffolk*, Knight.

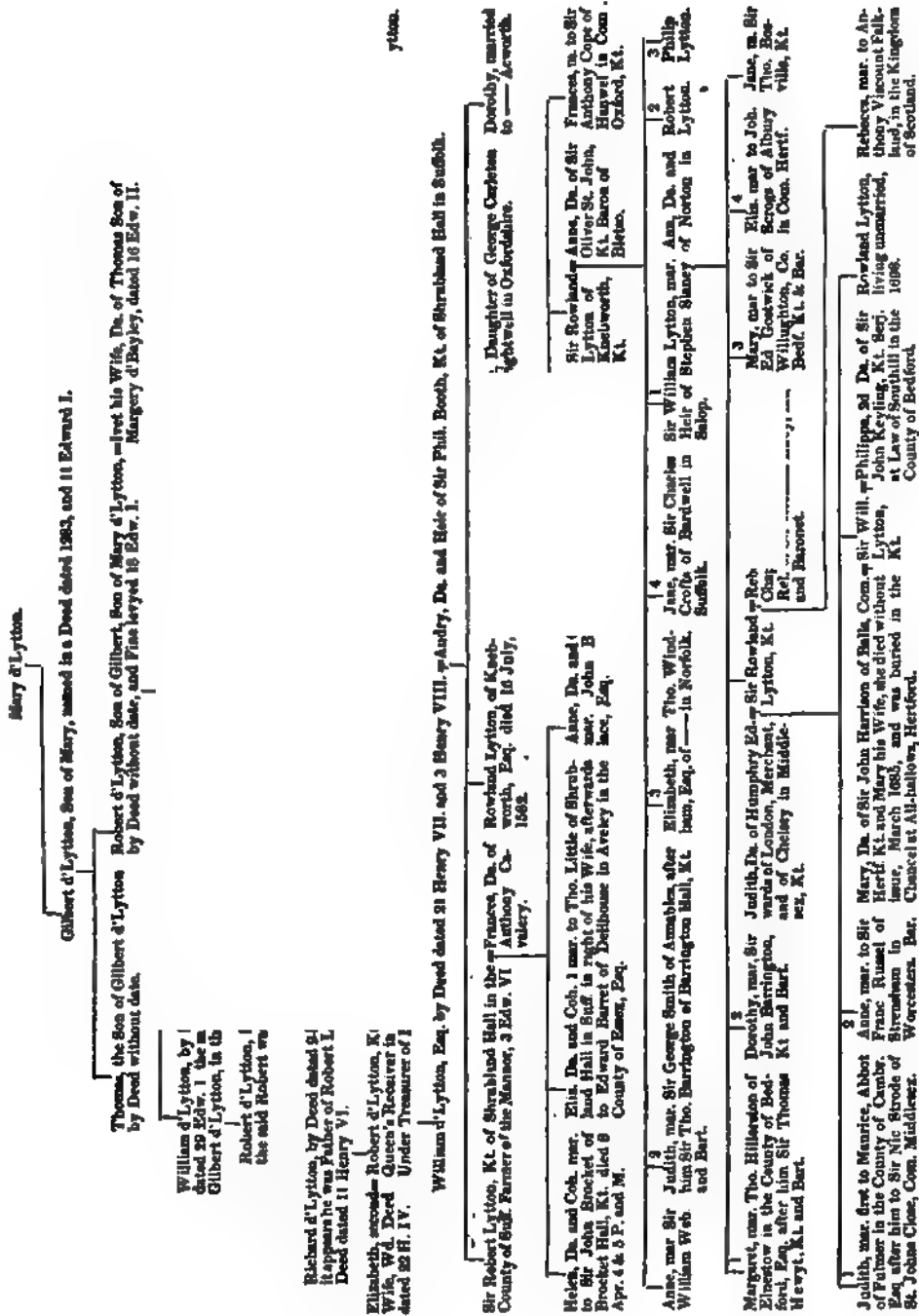
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*Sir William Lytton* was his Heir, knighted, and constituted Sheriff of this County, *Anno 1 Car. I.* he married *Anne* the Daughter and Heir of *Stephen Slany* of *Horton* in the County of *Salop*, Esquire, by whom he had Issue *Rowland*, *Margaret* married to *Thomas Hillersdon*, Esq. and after his Decease to *Sir Thomas Hewyt* of *Bishobury*, in this County, Knight and Baronet; *Dorothy* married to *Sir John Barrington* of *Barrington-hall*, in the County of *Essex*, Baronet; *Mary* married to *Sir Edward Gostwick* of *Chillington*, in the County of *Bedford*, Baronet; *Jane* to *Sir Robert Boswel* in the County of *Kent*, Knight; and *Elizabeth* to *John Scrogs* of *Albury* in this County, Esq. He was a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant for this County divers Years, and dyed the 14th of *Aug. 1660*.

*Rowland Lytton*, Esq. was knighted *Anno 1660*, served this County in the Parliament 12 *King Car. II.* called the Healing Parliament; was constituted Sheriff of this County *Anno 14* of the same King; was a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant here divers Years: he married *Judith* the youngest Daughter of an East-land Merchant in *London*, by whom he had Issue *William*, *Rowland*, *Judith* married first to *Maurice* Abbot of *Fulmer* in *Cambridgeshire*, Esq. after his Decease to *Sir Nicholas Strode*, Knight, of *St. John's Close* in *Middlesex*; *Anne* married to *Sir Francis Russel* of *Strensam* in *Worcestershire*, Baronet: and upon the Decease of the said *Judith* his Wife, he married *Rebecca* the Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Chapman* of *London*, Scrivener; and the Relict of *Sir Richard Lucy* of *Broxborne*, Kt. and Baronet; by whom he had Issue *Rebecca*, who married *Anthony* Viscount *Falkland* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*; *Sir Rowland* died the 1st of *November, 1674*, from whom this Mannor, with others, descended to

*Sir William Lytton*, who was knighted the 6th of *May, Anno 1677, 29 Car. II.* and constituted Sheriff in this County, in the Year 1678, 30 *Car. II.* He married *Mary* Daughter of *Sir John Harrison* of *Walls* in this County, Kt. by whom he had no Issue; After her Decease, he married *Philippa* the second Daughter of *Sir John Keyling* of *South-hill* in the County of *Bedford*, Knight, and one of the King's Serjeants at Law. He was a Justice of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant for this County, and the present Lord of this Mannor. He gives *Ermin*, on a Chief indented *Azure three Ducal Coronets Or; Crest on a Wreath, a Bitterne among Reedes proper.*

## THE PEDIGREE OF THE LYTTONS.



This knightly Family gives me Occasion to shew the Antiquity of their Honour, which the *Grecians* had in great Esteem before the Trojan Wars: who gave the same Title to *Nestor*, for *Homer* uses the Word *ἑκτόρης* in the same Sense as the *Latines* afterwards termed *Eques*,

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Τοῖσι δὲ καὶ περὶ εἰς γένητον ἑκτόραι Νέστωρ.

*Among whom thus Nestor spoke, that honour'd Knight.*

The famous *Tydaus*, King of *Atollia*; and *Philides* the Son of *Phileus*, attributed that Honour to themselves, the chiefest of the *Achaians* greatly coveted it, the principal of the *Grecians* much valued it, the *Chalcedonians* and the *Romans* prized it so much, that those who were rich and wealthy, bore the Title of *ἵπποβαται* that is *Equites*, and in other Nations were denominated from the Horse. The *Italians* termed them *Caveleiri*, the *Frenchmen*, *Chivalers*, the *Britains* in *Wales*, *Morgogk*, and the *Germans* called them *Ridders*, which in English signifies a Rider or Horseman; in high Dutch they are called *Ritterschaffs*, in low Dutch, *Riderschap*, and the learned *Selden* observed, that the German *Ritter* or *Ridder* was the same with *Miles* a Gentleman; so the *Gheslagen Ridder* signifies *Eques auratus*, a Knight created by the Ceremony of a gentle Stroke, or light Touch by a naked Sword upon the Shoulder, for *Gheslaeghen* signifies *Percussus*; and though the Gentlemen in Germany write themselves at this Day in Latin *Equites*, yet no Man is called *Ritter* or *Rider* there, but such as is *Eques auratus*, actually knighted; which Epithet of *auratus* the *Romans* added to them from their Privilege of wearing Gold upon their Swords and Spurs.

*Romulus* constituted them for his Life-guard and called them *Celeres*, as some say, & *Celeritate*, from their active and quick Dispatch in martial Affairs; but *Claudius Salmatius* derived it from the Greek Word *Κελες*, which, saith he, among the *Aeolians*, signifies a Horse; and from an Horse, the ancient *Romans* derived the Title of *Eques*; hence *Livy* called them *Equites*: and when the Roman Citizens were distributed into three Degrees, *Livy* rankt them after this Order; *Senatus*, *Equester*, *Ordo*, and *Plebs*; which Order was confirmed by that remarkable Elogie, *Consensu Senatus, et Equestris Ordinis Populiq; Romani*; and though this Equestrian Order was inferior to the Degree of Senators, yet *Cicero*, *Pliny*, and others affirm, they were next in Dignity, and invested with Honours almost equivalent to them, for they were made Judges at *Rome*; before whom, saith *Cicero*, Causes were pleaded and argued, and they often managed the civil Affairs of the Commonwealth: *Turnebus*, in his Comment upon some Pieces of *Cicero*, applauds the Excellency and Integrity of their Judgments;

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Bracton*

and the Senators were elected from this Equestrian Order, which caused *Perseus* King of *Macedon*, and after him *Severus* the Emperor, to term this Degree the Seminary or Nursery of the Senators: From hence I may parallel that Order with the Knighthood in *England*, who generally spring from the most ancient Families, are elected into this Order for their Birth and Estates, are plac'd between the Nobility and common People, the Judges and privy Councillors have the Honour of this Dignity, and generally the Barons are chosen out of their Rank and Quality. But afterwards *Salmatius* complained, that whenever the Censor elected a Person into the Equestrian Order, he consider'd nothing in him but the Equestrian Sense, which for the most Part will find two near a Parallel among the Knights of this Age; upon which *Andrew Tiraguell* made this Distinction between these Knights; those who were noble before their Knighthood, he termed *Milites*; but those who were ignoble he called *Equites aurati*, an Appellation which *Franciscus Philelphius* first gave them in the time of *William* the Conqueror; those Gentlemen who held Lands by Knight's Service to the yearly Value of 20*l.* were termed in *Domesdei Book*, *Milites*, & *Militia*, for that it was then held a sufficient Estate to support the Dignity of a Knight, and to maintain a Man and Horse compleatly armed to serve the King in the Wars; which Service in old time was called *Regale Servitium*, because it was done to and for the King and the Realm; these Knight's Fees descended entirely to the eldest Son by Succession of Heritage, that he might be the better enabled to maintain the Wars against the King's Enemies or his Lords; and the Law had so great a Respect to the Dignity of Knighthood, that he was not bound by his Tenure to go in Person, as ordinary Soldiers hired or entertained by prest Money or Wages, but might find an able Person to serve in that Expedition for him.

*Dod. of Ba-  
rons*, p. 119.

An. 7 Ed. III.  
296, 600.  
Litt. fol. 20.

When the King conferred the Dignity of a Knight, he slightly struck him upon the Shoulder with a gentle Touch on the flat Side of the Sword, but in old time *Cingulo militari donati*, or as *Mr. Bracton* expresses it, *Ringæ gladiis*, because the King did not only smite him with the Sword, but invested him with Sword and Belt; neither is this Ceremony wholly lost, for the Knights of the Bath are girt with Sword and Belt, when they receive this Honour, and 'tis not unusual now a days for the Prince to bestow the Sword upon the Person whom he knighteth.

*Seld. tit. Hon.*  
pt. 2, cap. 3,  
fol. 550, 551.

This Degree is truly accounted with us the most ancient Title of Honour in *England*, and the first of a military Dignity; 'tis the Basis and Foundation of all Honours in our Nation, and hath the Addition of Batchelor from the

Name of *Buccellarii*, which signifies as much as a Soldier or military Servant, always ready for Employment; and *Baccellarius*, as the *Frenchmen* call it, and *Baccalaureus* (made from *Buccellarius* denoting at first every Soldier,) when joyned with Chivellier, the first Degree of Knighthood: From hence it was transferr'd to the first Degree in the Universities, and to those that are *Magisterii candidati* in Trades, and to Woers that have not been married, but are *conjugii ac amoris candidati*: *Bachelette* is attributed to a Maid wood, as *Batchelor* to him that woos.

As the *Romans* gave to their Knights the Titles of *Splendidi* and *Illustres*, Marks of Eminence, and equivalent to that of *Nobiles*, so the Kings of this Realm have stiled our Knights, Trusty and Right Worshipful, and annexed to their Christian Name the word Sir, which cometh from the French word *Sire*, and in old French signifieth *Seigneur* or *Lord*; and the ancient Barons in *France* affected rather to be called by the Name of *Sire* than Baron, as *Le Sire de Montmorencie*, *Le Sire de Bevien*, *Le Sire de Cauci*, and the like: the words Master, Lord, or Sir, were familiarly used among the *Jews* in their common Salutations and Addresses, and *Seneca* observed that where the Name of a Man occurred not in common Speech among the *Romans*, he was saluted by the Name of *Domine*, as *Domine frater* is frequent in the Epistles of *Sidonius Apollinaris* and others, or as every Batchelor of Art, Vicar, or Parson, with us were called *Domine*: but the Name *Dominus* here is used to distinguish an Attribute of Greatness, as doth our English word Lord, without Relation to an Interest of Property, or to Servitude; as the Children of *Heth* stiled *Abraham*, *Jacob* termed *Esau*, *Abigail* entitled *David*, or *Uriah* called *Joab*; and in other Countries it denotes Superiors, as King or Subjects of the greater Nobility, or Men of special Eminency, known by the Name of *Heres*, *Dons*, *Sieurs*, *Signiors*, *Signeurs*, *Sennores*, *Seniores*, and the like. Though 'tis not known when this Title of Sir was first prefixt to the Christian Name of a Knight, yet I find it very ancient, for in the time of King *Etheldred*, a Saxon Prince, this Title of Sir was annext to the Name of Sir *Odynell* of *Warington*, Baron of *Warington*, and in the Reign of *Hen. II.* to the Names of *Sr. John Curcy*, *Sr. Amoric*, *Sr. Roger Paer*, great Commanders under that King in *Ireland*, also of *Sr. Renaud le Fitz Oures*, *Sr. Hugh de Morville*, *Sr. William Tracy*, and *Sr. Richard le Brut*, the four Knights that slew *St. Thomas a Becket*; and this Addition of Sir is properly attributed to the Names of all Knights Bannerets, Knights of the Bath, and Knights Batchelors, and is accounted Part of their Stile; as *Messire* is used in the same Nature among the *French*.

Hand. of  
Bradewater

Oppian.  
Pliny, Cicer.  
Tacitus.  
Seld. tit. Hon.  
pt. 2, cap. 3,  
fol. 137.

Gen. xxlii. 6,  
11, 15, xxxii.  
18. xxxiii. 8,  
13, 14.  
1 Sam. xxv.  
24, 25, 26.  
11 Sam. ii. 11

Brady's Hist.  
of Engl. fol.  
368.  
Seld. tit. Hon.  
fol. 93v.



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The Stile of Madam and Lady is also given to their Wives, though the Masculine of it is Lord, which is not granted to their Husbands, and also to the Daughters of all Earles, and Dignities above them; and the like or greater Honour was attributed to that Sex in the time of the old Empire, for though the word *Domine* was used frequently in that Nation, where nothing of Honour, but Salutation, or Compellation is only exprest; and also *Adoni* and *Rabbi*, which signifies the same thing, was used among the *Jews*; yet the Word *Domine* was given to Women, for a special Mark of Honour, but by the Law of *England*, the Wives of Knights and Baronets, in Conveyances are only stiled Dames to distinguish them from other Ladies of greater Quality; yet if they be named Ladies in any Action, the Writ shall not abate, because they have that Title by the Curtesy of *England*; as it is familiar with the *French*, and among the *Italians* at this Day, but if they be named Countesses or Baronesses, the Writ shall abate.

14 H. VI. 2  
Co. 6 Report,  
fol. 53.

The principal Ensignes of Knighthood were a Horse, gold Ring, Shield and Launce, Belt and Sword, guilt Spurs, gold Chain and Collar; but the later Ages have selected from these, the Belt or golden Girdle, Sword, Collar, Spurs, and Rings, which are called the Ornaments and Ensignes that belong to Knighthood, in some imperial Diploma's: And *Cassanus* saith, that a Sword shall be hung up in the Church at the Funeral of a Knight; because *Eques* and *Miles*, are the proper Attributes given to a Knight at his first Creation or Dubbing; which import some military Achievement, and they were anciently wont to take an Oath chiefly, among all other their military Designs, to defend the Church and the Christian Religion.

*Dod. of Ep-  
rons, p. 130.*

Though a Knight received his Dignity from a foreign Prince, yet he shall be stiled a Knight, in all leading Proceedings within *England*, and shall have Place and Precedency here, from the time of his Knighthood: This Degree is not only a Dignity and Honour to the Party, but also honourable and useful to the Kingdom; touching Matters of Justice in civil Affairs, as in a Writ of Right, the highest Writ in the Law, for the Trials of Titles touching Inheritance; for upon the Return of the Writ, *de magna Assiza elegenda*, the four Knights named in it, must appear *Gla-diis cincti*; and if the Tenant shall make his Election by Battle, each Party shall choose their Champions, the Court shall award Battel, Day shall be given to the Parties, and two Knights must bring the Champions into the Lists, and if a Tenant lay an *Essoin de malo lecti*, and have a Writ out of Chancery to warrant it, four Knights shall be commanded to view him, and if they find him sick, then they shall give him Day, to the End of a Year and a Day; for these Reasons, the Kings of this Realm could heretofore compel

*Dyer, 79, fol.  
103*

Men of Worth by their Prerogative, to take this Degree at their Pleasure, or pay a Fine; and every Lord of a Mannor ought by the common Law to have of every of his Tenants a reasonable Fine to make his eldest Son a Knight.

*Hund. of  
Bradewater*  
Bract., fol. 36

### *Precedency of Knights.*

Some hold that if a Knight received his Honour before a Serjeant at Law was created, the Knight shall have the Precedence, but if the Serjeant was created before the Knight was dubb'd, the Serjeant shall precede; and some hold, where Knights have been Viceroy, or Ambassadors to foreign Princes, or Judges within the Realm, they may and ought to have Precedency above Men of the same Rank, after the Expiration of their Offices; and many of them stand strongly upon it, but *sub judice lis est*: However admitting it to be so, by Way of Argument, yet the Heralds deny that Priviledge to the Mayor and Aldermen of London, or Justice of Peace; because they had the limited Jurisdiction of Magistracy confin'd within the Compass of their own Walls: But the other were general Magistrates throughout the Realm, whose Employment concern'd the publick Honour, Justice, and Interest of the whole Commonwealth and Estate; therefore they more meritoriously draw from thence a greater Respect of Honour, according to the Generality of their Administration and Employments, than an inferiour and more confined Magistracy can claim.

*Dod. of Nob.*  
p. 125, 126.

### *The Priviledge of Knights.*

If a Ribaud or Man of base Birth and Condition, had struck a Knight, he should by the old Law, have lost the Hand wherewith he offended.

*Britton, 19,*  
*in his Appeals*

Knights are excus'd from their Attendance at Leets, neither are they, nor their eldest Sons bound to find Pledges there, and their eldest Sons are allowed the Priviledge of wearing Hats in the *University*.

*Britton, 29,*  
*30.*  
*Stat. of Marib.*  
*cap. 10.*  
*Dod. of Ba-*  
*rona, p. 138.*

The King's Bailiff may not take any Demeasne Carts from them.

*Mag. Char.*  
*cap. 21.*

Knights may keep grey Hounds, and setting Dogs, and Nets to take Pheasants and Partridges, though they cannot dispend 10*l. per Annum*, nor are worth 200*l.*

*Stat. 1 Jac.*  
*cap. 27.*  
*Dod. of Ba-*  
*rona, p. 146.*

The Brethren and Sons born in Wedlock of every Knight, being Clergymen, may purchase License or Dispensation, and keep two Parsonages or Benefices, with Cure of Souls.

*Stat. 31 H.*  
*VIII. cap. 13.*  
*Dod. of Ba-*  
*rona, p. 146.*

The Mannor-house of *Knobworth* consists of a large Pile of Brick, with a fair Quadrangle in the Middle of it, seated upon a dry Hill, in a fair large Park, stocked with the best Deer in the County, excellent Timber, and well wooded, and from whence you may behold a most lovely Prospect to the East.

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Bradewater*

**T**HIS Rectory in 26 Hen. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 13l. 1s. 10d. of which Sir William Lytton and his Predecessors, Lords of this Mannor of **Sturthworth**, have been Patrons.

*The Names of some RECTORS of Sturthworth.*

1606 4 Jacob. Robert Hundleby  
1629 5 Car. I. Christopher Thornton  
1649 1 Car. II. Samuel Bentham.

This Church was dedicated to the Honour of the Virgin Mary, and her Effigie remains in the Window of the Chancel. It contains only the Body with the Chancel, and a little Chapel or Burying place, built by the Family of the *Lyttons*, on the North Side of the Chancel; all which is covered with Tyle: at the West End of the Church is a small square Tower, wherein hang a Ring of five small Bells cast 1697; a short Spire covered with Lead is erected on the Tower, and within are these Monuments to be seen.

*In the Body of the Chancel lies a Stone with this Inscription.*

*Hic jacet Dominus Simo Bache, Clericus, quondam Thesaurarius Hospitalis illustrissimi Principis Domini Henrici quinti Regis Angliæ, ac Canonic. Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sancti Pauli, London. qui obiit xix die Maii, Anno Dom. nostr. 1414.*

*In the upper End of the North Side of the Chancel, another Stone has this Inscription.*

Here lyes interred the body of Dame Jane Crofts, Daughter of Sir Rowland Lytton, of **Sturthworth**, in the County of **Hertford**, Knight, and Wife to Sir Charles Crofts of **Barthel**, in the County of **Suffolk**, Knight; who departed this Life the 20th of April, 1672. Aged 70.

A Monument in the North Wall, where the Effigies of the Lady *Strode* is engraved in white Marble, with this Inscription.

*Juditha*

*Hic juxta sita*

Rulandi Lytton Equitis Aurati ex Equestri Lyttonorum  
in hoc vico prosapia Filia,  
Nicholai Strode Equitis Aurat. ex antiquo Strodiorum,  
in Borsettia genere conjux,  
Binæ Proles masculæ Familleque Mater,  
Raro bonæ mentis, Formaque Clara Contubernio,  
Mater Familiæ præter ætatem gravis  
Domi servare nota sedet sciens domum tueri,  
Eademque gratiis obsequiis moribus placidissimis,  
Uni Marito semper unice studens

In sanitate composita in ægritudine constans  
Modesta pudica pia (sed pauca quid multis quæror,  
Tu Lector animo quicquid Uxoris proba est fac colligas huc  
summa verborum redit

Nam sacra voces et maritalis dolor languent silent stupent )  
Anno Conubii 8. Ætatis 24. salutis reparate cicleclxii non mart.  
Confecto tabe decessit

Mulieris functa est Officiis bonæ adeoque sat diu vixerit nisi  
conjugi et liberis

Hic quippe virtutis exemplar præcipuit illi tristè sui desiderium relinquit  
Hic marens suprema solvit

Illæ per Christum Resurrectionem felicem expectat.

A Marble beneath it, whereon the Arms of *Strode* and *Lytton* be engraven'd: Speaks this Motto.

*Sic lucent lumen*

*Juditha*

Nicholai Strode Equar Conjux  
Hic sita est.

On the left Side of this Stone lies another small Marble, with this Inscription,

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Juditha

*Nicholai, Judithæ, quæ Filiola Amicola.
Hic juxta Matrem jacet.*

Between the Chancel and the Chapel stands a Monument covered with a fair Marble, whereupon the Effigies of a Man clad in Armour and his Wife, engraven'd in Brass. With this Inscription round the Edge of the Stone.

*Hic procerum de stirpe natum cum conjuge clara
Johanni Hotoft iterum telluris
Hospitii Regis quæ Thesaurarius olim
Henrici sexti merito pollebat honore
Sit hic perpetua sibi post hac horida lustra
Corpora Spiritibus ———*

In the Chancel Window are the Arms of *Hotolph.*

Offitium Pietatis majoribus Speculum Virtutis bibentibus: Exemplar Beneficentis posteris posuit — 1408. nisi Dominus edificaverit Bonum Frustra laborat.

In the Chapel a Marble tells

Rolandus Lytton, armiger, qui insigniter arma gessit, in Bello Dux fortis, in pace optimus Magistratus, obiit 16 die Julii 1582. Uxores habuit Margaretam Tate, et Annam Carleton, ex prima reliquit Mariam, ex altera Rolandum et Franciscam.

A flat Monument in the North Wall, says

Hic jacet clarissima Famina Anna Lytton, Filia Oleveri Baronis Saint John de Blissho, primis nuptiis juncta Roberto Corbet de Moreton Corbet, Arm. ex quo suscepit Elizabetham uxorem Henrici Wallop, Milites, et Annam nuptam Adolpho Cary, Arm. ex altero Marito Rolando Lytton de Knebworth, Arm. reliquit Filios Gulielmum, Rolandum, et Philippum; Filias Annam, Juditham, Elizabetham, et Janam, vixit quadraginta annos nobilis venusta, pia, chara Deo et Hominibus, obiit multum deplorata ultimo Februarii, anno salutis 1601. Pro cujus bene acta vita Deum laudate, ut quod cum sanctis communicetis erat.

Another Marble gives this Account.

Here lyeth interred the body of Dame *Judith Barrington*, Daughter of *Sir Rowland Lytton of Knebworth*, in the County of *Hertford*, Knight; and wife first to *Sir George Smith of Banbals*, in the same County of *Hertford*, Knight; then to *Sir Thomas Barrington of Hatfield Broad-Oak*, in the County of *Essex*, Knight and Baronet; who departed this Life, upon the first day of *September*, 1657. Aged 65.

In the South Corner of the Chapel.

Here lyeth the body of *Sir William Lytton*, Knight, who dyed the 14th of *August*, 1660. Aged 71. who had issue one Son, and five Daughters.

On another Marble you may read.

Here lyeth the body of *Judith*, the late Wife of *Rowland Lytton*, Esquire, who departed this Life the 13. day of *May*, 1659. at the Age of 48 years, and left two Sons, *William*, and *Rowland*, and two Daughters *Judith*, and *Anne*.

By this Marble lies another, which says,

Here lyes the body of *Sir Rowland Lytton*, Knight: He dyed the first of *November*, 1674. Aged 59 years, who had issue two Sons and three Daughters.

A small plain Stone shews,

Here lyes the body of the fifth Son of *Giles Strangeways*, Esquire; which Son being nursed at *Knebworth*, dyed at the Age of three weeks, 26. of *April*, 1646.

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STEVENHAUGHT, STIGENACE, STEVENEDGE.

Norden, p. 23.

Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 61,
nu. 55.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, nu. 9.

Inq. Ret. 54,
6 Ed. I. cur.
recept. Scac.

THIS Mannor and Vill is situated two Miles distant from **Knebworth**, towards the North; where the Church is erected upon an Hill, from whence, in all Probability, it might in old time be called **Stebenhaught**; it was Parcel of the Possessions of the Saxon Kings, until such time that **Edward** the Confessor granted it among other things, to the Abbot of **Westminster**, who held it in the time of King **William** the Conqueror, when it was recorded, under the Title of *Terra Alberti de Westminster*.

In *Bradewater* Hundred *Abbas de Westminster* tenet *Stigenace*, pro octo hidis se defendebat. Terra est decem car. in dominio quatuor hidæ et ibi sunt duo car ibi sexdecim Vil. cum octo Bord. habentibus septem car. et octava potest fieri, ibi quatuor servi, pastura ad pec. Silva 1 porcis; in totis valent. valet et valet duodecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi, tres decim libr. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Ecclesiæ Sancti Petri.

The Abbot of **Westminster** held *Stigenace*, in the Hundred of **Bradewater**, it was rated for eight Hides. The arrable is ten Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there are two Carucates, there are sixteen Villains, with eight Bordars having seven Carucates, and an eighth may be made, there are four Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed fifty Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth, and was worth, twelve Pounds by the Year, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) thirteen Pounds, this Mannor did ly, and now doth ly, in the Demeasne of the Church of **St. Peter**.

But since most of the Inhabitants of this Vill have removed their Houses from the Church, about half a Mile towards the South, where they have made a fair Street, and enrich themselves by the Advantages of the great Numbers of People and Cattle that daily pass to and fro upon that Road: and by an Inquisition, it was found *Anno 6 Edw. I.* that this Mannor was ancient Demesne, that the Abbot held it of the Gift of King **Edward** the Confessor, and claimed here very large Liberties, by the Grant of the said King, and the Grants of **William** the Conqueror, *H. I.* and *R. I.* which upon a *Quo Warranto* were then allowed; and the Abbots thereof did continually enjoy it; until that fatal Year of the general Dissolution of the great Monasteries, when it came to the Crown.

Then King **H. VIII.** changed this Monastery into a Bishoprick, about 33 *Regni sui*, and **Thomas Thirlby** was consecrated Bishop thereof, who in short time dilapidating all the Patrimony granted to his See, the Bishoprick was dissolved, and King **Edw. VI.** by Patent dated 4 *Regni sui*, granted the Mannors of **Stebenach**, **Ashtel**, **Holwel**, **Cabwel**, and **Watthworth**, in this County; late belonging to the Bishoprick of **Westminster**, to **Nicholas Ridley**, then Bishop of **London**, and his Successors, to hold in free, pure, and

perpetual Alms, paying yearly one hundred Pounds at the Feast of the Birth of our Lord.

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When Queen *Mary* came to the Crown, she removed *Nicholas Ridley* from the Bishoprick of London, vacated the Grant of these Mannors to this Bishoprick, because it was not confirmed by the Pope's Bull, advanced *Edmund Bonner* to it, obtained a Bull from the Pope, 3 *die Martii*, Anno 1 *Regni sui*, and by Authority thereof, granted these Mannors by a new Grant to the said *Edmund* Bishop of London, and his Successors, Bishops of London for ever; to hold in free, pure, and perpetual Alms, and paying yearly one hundred Pounds, as in the former Grant.

Curt. 1 Mar.

King *Jac. I.* by Patents dated the fifth of April, An. 22 *Regni sui*, granted to *George Mountain*, then Bishop of London, and to the Inhabitants of this Town, one Market to be held in this Vill, on Monday in every Week of the Year, and also three Fairs to be yearly held, the first on the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, another on the Feast of St. *Swithen*, and the other on the Friday next before *Palm Sunday*; And this Mannor has continued in the several Bishops of London till it came to *Henry Compton*, the present Bishop of that See, and Brother to the late Earl of Northampton.

Curt. 22 J. I.

King *William* and Queen *Mary*, by their Charter dated at Westminster, 18th of June, in the fifth Year of their Reign, granted a Market to the Bishops of London, for the time being, and the Inhabitants of *Stebeneidge*, to be held on Friday in every Week, instead of the former Market held on the Monday, and three Fairs to be held as in the former Charter; this *Henry* Bishop of London, is the present Lord hereof, and it lyes within his Liberty.

The Mannor of BROOKS

WAS doubtless derived from the Mannor of *Stebenach*, is Parcel of the Revenue of the *Ratcliffs*, and is now come to Sir *Ralph Ratcliff*, who is the present Lord hereof; but I refer his Family to *Witchin*, because it is the Place of their Habitation.

The Mannors of CANNIX and FAIRLAND

ARE two other Mannors in this Vill, and in all Probability, were derived from the Mannor of *Stebenach*, they are Parcel of the Possessions of the *Lyttons*, and have passed in that Name from one to another, as the Mannor of *Knockworth* did, to Sir *William Lytton* the present Lord of them, and their Succession may be seen in the last Parish.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* of which *Joseph Bentham*, D. D. is the present Partron.

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*The Names of the RECTORS.*

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| <i>John Caldecote</i>                           | <i>Robert Chester, D.D.</i>                     |
| <i>Stephen Hellard, B.D. obiit 17 Hen. VII.</i> | <i>Stafford Leventhorp</i>                      |
| <i>Thomas Allen</i>                             | <i>Richard Shoars</i>                           |
| <i>Robert Paterson</i>                          | <i>Fulke Tudor, D.D.</i>                        |
| <i>William Prat</i>                             | <i>Joseph Bentham, D.D. the present Rector.</i> |

This Church is dedicated to the Honour of St. Nicholas, and is situated upon a dry Hill, in the Deanery of *Hitchin*, in the Diocese of London; it contains a fair Isle on either Side of the Body of the Church, with a large Chancel, having two fair Chapels, and at the West End a square Tower, wherein hang a Ring of six Bells, on which a large Spire is erected, and covered with Lead; and towards the South Side of the Communion Table, in the Chancel lyes a fair Marble with this Inscription.

*In specem Resurrectionis ad vitam æternam, hic jacet Robertus Chester, (Sacra Theologia Professor,) et hujus Ecclesie Rector, qui obiit Ætatis suæ, 67. Redemptionis 1644.*

*Siste Viator et Lege.*

*Lucis Evangelica Jubas Cornuscum,  
Spectata exemplar probitatis clarum,  
Filius Ecclesie verus Catholicæ,  
Doctrinæ Column, Decusque Vitæ  
Nostræ Ætatis honos, lepos voluptas,  
Hic Terra Exuvias reliquit, orbi  
Famam, Astris animam, Viator ito.*

A Tomb erected on the South Corner of the Chancel,

*Hic jacet Gulielmus Prat Sacra Theologia Baccalaureus et hujus Ecclesie per annos triginta prudentissimus Rector, tres habuit Filios Johannem, Gulielmum, et Richardum, totidemque Filias Saram, Mariam, et Elizabetham, ex charissima conjuge Elizabetha; tandem studio hujus vite de-curso æque ætate jam ingravescente in caelestem Patriam emigravit, anno salutis, 1629. Ætatis 67.*

*Monumentum hoc amoris simul et Mæroris*

*Perpetuum testem posuit delectissima Conjux*

*Elizabetha, quæ juxta placidè in Christo obdormiscit.*

In the Body of the Chancel, is the Effigies of a Priest in Brass, at whose Feet is this Inscription.

*Hic jacet Magister Stephanus Hilliard, Ebor. Diocesis, Baccalaureus, quondam Rector hujus Ecclesie ac quam Canonicus Cathedralis, qui obiit die mensis An. millesimo, quingentesima.*

*CHARITIES.*

*Stephen Hellard, Rector of this Church, by Deed dated 20 November, 17 Hen. VII. gave to Sir William Day, Knight, Edward Bensted, Esquire, Thomas Ginne, John Huckle, John Huckle the Son, Richard Borowel, George Newman, alias Wheeler, John Matthew, Richard Austyn, John Hunt, William Fletcher, Thomas Hide, John Graveley, and Edmond Carter, one Croft called Gilebiscroft, containing seven Acres, and one Pightle of Meadow, lying at the End of the said Croft, and the Pightle lying by Stanmer then newly built, now called All Christian Soul House. and a small Piece of Land lying in Churchfield, and two Pence of yearly Rent, issuing out of two Acres of Land, one lying in Redwel-field, and the other in Stirrurrough-field, to the Use of his Will; and by his Will dated the 20th of December, 1601, 17 Hen. VII. devised a Messuage with the Appurtenances newly built, lying in a Lane called Bedes Lane, nigh unto Stanmer in the Parish of Strebunage, as it appears more evidently by the Feoffment made concerning the same, which Messuage he called All Christian Soul House, and built for the Habitation of three poor Folk without payment of any Rent, for so long as the House shall endure; and moreover willed that every one that dwelleth in it, shall say daily in the Name of the Holy Trinity; O Thou Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost have Mercy and pity upon the Soul of Master Stephen Hel-*

lard, and upon all Christian Souls, with three *Pater Nosters*, three *Ave Marias*, and one Creed; also when one of the said Houses happened to be empty, he farther willed that the Feoffees or greater number of them should provide another poor Man or Woman within four Months, and if the Feoffees shall be equal in their Votes on both Sides, then he also willed that the Rector of the Parish Church of *Stebnage* for the time being, should give his Voice according to his Mind on either of the Sides.

*Nicholas Clerk*, Gent. by Deed dated 27 July, 17 Car. II. in Consideration of 63*l.* sold to *Stafford Leventhorpe*, Clerk, *George Banister*, Sen. *George Banister*, Jun. *Edmond Nodes*, *Jenings Chapman*, *John Hitchin*, Sen. *John Hitchin*, Jun. *Richard Hitchin*, *Robert Heath*, Sen. *Robert Heath*, Jun. *William Heath*, *John Gynn*, *John Trigge*, Jun. and *Thomas Greene*, two Pieces of Land and Inclosure in *Stebnage*, one called *Stowp Croft*, the other *Long Stockin*, containing in the whole six Acres, upon Trust, that the Profits of the Premises should be employed to the Use of the most aged, impotent, and poor People, for the time being, resident in the Almshouse of *Stebnage*; but who gave the Consideration Money I cannot learn.

*Robert Giane*, by his Will dated 1 Jac. I. charg'd his Dwelling-house, Lands, and Tenements with the payment of ten Bushels of Misyne for the Relief of the poor People of the Town of *Stebnage*, to be yearly distributed by the Churchwardens, and six of the most substantial Inhabitants of the Town, at the Feast of Easter, or within three Days after, and in default of Payment, the Parson and Churchwardens of the Town shall enter and hold the Premises until the same shall be paid. He also gave 30*s.* a Year to the Parson and Churchwardens, and their Successors, to be paid out of a Message called the *Maidenhead*, for the relief of the poor Inhabitants of *Stebnage*, with a Clause of entry. He gave the Message called the *Maidenhead*, and all the Lands and Tenements belonging to it, unto *Richard Giane* and his Heirs, upon Condition that he should pay to the Parson and Churchwardens of *Stebnage* for the time being, the Sum of 30*s.* a Year at the Feast of St. Michael, or within four Days after; the one half to be bestowed in Cloth of 12*d.* the Yard, for the Cloathing of poor Fatherless Children, or others most needful, the other half in Money. He also gave to *Thomas Clarke* one Tenement or Message situated in *Stebnage*, the Orchards, Lands and Tenements belonging to it, to the Heirs of his Body, with the Remainders over, upon Condition that *Thomas Clarke* shall yearly pay to the Parson and Churchwardens of *Stebnage* at St. Michael, or within four Days after, the Sum of 20*s.* for the Use of the poor People of *Stebnage*, to be distributed as aforesaid, with a Clause of entry.

*George Clarke*, by his Will dated the 8th of Octo. 3 and 4 P. and M. gave all his Tyth Corn, called *Herberty Tyth*, to his Son *William* in tail, upon Condition that he should pay 6*l.* a Year, whereof 30*s.* to the Poor of *Sanderidge* by the oversight of the Vicar, Churchwardens, and two or three of the Honest Men of that Parish, at Christmas, for ever more; and 50*s.* to the Poor of this Parish to be paid in the same manner, whereof 25*s.* in ready Money, and the other 25*s.* in Cloath towards the Cloathing of the poor People of this Parish, and also shall pay at Christmas unto the poor People of *Bennington*, the other 50*s.* in such manner as is appointed to the Poor of this Parish.

*Thomas Chapman*, Clerk, by his Will dated the 8th of March, 19 Car. II. gave and devised his Message or Tenement in *Stebnage*, and divers Lands and Tenements to *Peter Langthorne* the elder, and *Elizabeth* his Wife for ten Years, the Remainder to *Peter Langthorne* the Son in tail, with Remainders over, upon Trust that the said Message, Lands and Premises shall be subject to the Payment of eight Pounds a Year for ever, to buy Cloth and Bread to be distributed yearly for ever upon St. Andrews Day, or the Sunday following, at the Discretion of the Minister and Churchwardens, and two or three of the best Men and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Parishes of *Stebnage*, *Ashtwell*, *Pauls Eldon*, and *Norton* in this County, to such Persons of their several Parishes that are impotent and poor, and debilitated by their Labour, or truly necessitous by reason of Sickness, or Charge of Children, and no ways licentious or guilty of any Lowdness or Debauchery, but such as duly and constantly frequent their several Parish Churches on every Sunday, or other Days

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appointed for Divine Service and Worship, and behave themselves decently and reverently all the time of Divine Service, viz. to such Poor in this Parish twenty Yards of Yard-wide Cloath, at 2s. the Yard, and twenty dozen of good Wheat Bread; also the like to such poor People in the Parish of Ashwell; and also seven Yards of Yard-wide Cloath, at 2s. the Yard, and six dozen of good sweet Bread to such poor People in the Parish of St. Pauls Chalden: and also seven Yards of Yard-wide Cloath of 2s. the Yard, and six dozen of good sweet Bread to such poor People in the Parish of Norton, with a Clause of Distress.

Richard Shore, Clerk, Rector of Stibbenage, George Nodes and Thomas Harvey, Churchwardens of Stibbenage, Robert Bulman, Clerk, Vicar of Elstare, Robert Collap and John Bones, Churchwardens of Elstare, were empowered by a Decree to make a Lease dated 17th of April, 30 Car. II. to William Cross of all that Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances in Elstare, called the Black Swan, for 21 Years, under the yearly Rent of 4l. payable to the Minister and Churchwardens of Stibbenage and their Successors, at Michaelmas and Lady Day; and also under the yearly Rent of other 4l. payable to the Minister and Churchwardens of Elstare and their Successors at Michaelmas and Lady Day by equal Portions.

*The Foundation of the FREE-SCHOOL of Stibbenage.*

THOMAS Allen, Clerk, by his Will dated 24 May, 4 and 5 P. and M. devised all his Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the Counties of Leicester, Kent, and Hertford, and the City of London, to the Masters, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College in Cambridge, upon several Trusts, and in particular to found three Free Grammar Schools, one at Attinister in the County of Stafford, the second at Stont in the said County, and the third at this Town, and to pay to each of them 12l. 6s. 8d. per Ann. and also gave to four poor Men of the Town of Stibbenage four Nobles per Ann. a piece.

Edward Wiltshair, by his Deed dated 3. Martii, 4 Eliz. sold to Sir John Boteler, Kt. Thomas Barrington, Esq. Rowland Sytton, Esq. John Brocket, Esq. Nicholas Bristow, Esq. Thomas Hanchet, Esq. Philip Boteler, Esq. Edward Pelilot, Gent. John Needham, Gent. Thomas Gravely, Gent. Nicholas Bristow the younger, Gent. John Batty, Clerk, Thomas Snagge, Edward Wilson the elder, Edward Wilson the younger, John Kent, William Clarke, Henry Elliot, John Barshawe, Gent. William Nodes, Gent. Edward Nodes, John Clarke, Thomas Clarke, Robert Norris the elder, Robert Norris the younger, Henry Gyn, the elder, Robert Gyn, Robert Andrew, John Clarke the Son of Thomas Clarke, Edward Clarke, and John Clarke, the Son of John Clarke, and their Heirs, one Messuage or Tenement, with the Appurtenances, called the Brotherhood House, situated in Stibbenage, and four Acres of Land lying in Church Field one Acre in Weybachelors, one Acre in Bedwell Field, one Acre in Elstare Field, also one other Messuage or Tenement, with the Appurtenances in Stibbenage, situated by Berry Hill, and one Close of Pasture containing one Acre and an half, also one Grove of Wood in Stibbenage called the Brotherhood Grove, containing two Acres, to the Intent that the Premises should be employed to the Use of the School in Stibbenage for ever; and for default of such School, then to the Use of the poor People of the Town for ever.

Edmond Nodes by Will dated 29 Julii 38 Eliz. devised one Close called Berryman, with one Acre of Land, to the Use of the Free School for ever.

Robert Giusse by Will dated 1 Jan. 1 Jac. gave to the said School three Roods of arable Land in Church Field.

Edward Woodward, Esq. by his Will dated 10 Martii, 1650, gave unto Robert Bromhall, Gent. Son of Sir John Bromhall, late of Grays Inn Lane deceased, and his Heirs for ever, all his Messuages, Cottages, Farms, Lands, and Tenements both Copy and Free, in the Parishes of Great Elmendly, Little Elmendly, and Spolitis charging the same with a Rent Charge of 12l. per Ann. payable at the Feast of St. Michael the Arch-Angel, the Birth of our Lord God, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, and the Nativity of St. John Baptist, by even and equal Portions, to be distributed to the said Schools with a Clause of Distress.

It was decreed in Chancery 24 Car. II. in a Cause depending between *Owen Davis*, Clerk, Complainant, and the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of *Trinity Colledge* in *Cambridge*, and other Trustees, Defendants, that the Complainant and his Successors, and their Ushers should, from time to time, instruct the Petites belonging to the School, as well as the Grammar Scholars, according to the original Deeds of Purchase of the Lands and School House, and that the said Petites should have the like Privilege of the Grammar Scholars, and be advanced to the Places in the School as their Learning should make them capable of.

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## WIMUNDESLEY PARVA.

SOMEWHAT above a Mile distant from *Stebnage* towards the North West, this Vill lies in a Bottom; Of which 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Episc. Bajocensis*.

In *Bradebatre Hundred*. in *Wimundesley*, tenet Adam de Episc. *Bajocensis*, un. hid. et un. virgat. Terra est un. car. et ibi est cum tribus bordis, pratum dimid. car. valet et valuit decem sol. tempore Regis Edward vigint sol. hanc terram tenuit Alfet de Roberto Wimare, non poterat vendere præter ejus licentiam, ut Scira testatur.

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 134, a. 3.

Adam held one Hide and one Virgate of the Bishop of *Baieux* in *Wimundesley*, in the Hundred of *Bradebatre*. The arrable is one Carucate, and it is now with three Bordars, Meadow half a Carucate, it is worth and was worth ten Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twenty Shillings; Alfet held this Land of Robert Wimare, he could not sell it without his Licence, as the Shire can witness.

*Terra Roberti de Gernon.*

In *Wimundesley*, tenet Willielmus de Roberto Gernon un. hid. Terra est un. car. sed ibi non est; un. Cotar. ibi est pratum dimid. car. valet sex sol. quando recepit decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quidecim sol. hanc terram tenuit Alfet sub Roberto Wimarch die qua Rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, non potuit vendere præter ejus Licentiam.

*Ibid.* fol. 137,  
na. 20.

William held of Robert Gernon one Hide in *Wimundesley*. The arrable is one Carucate, but now it is not there; there is one Cottager, Meadow half a Carucate; it is worth six Shillings a Year, when he received it ten Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) fifteen Shillings a Year, Alfet held this Land under Robert de Wimarch on the Day in which King Edward (the Confessor) was alive and dead, he could not sell it without his Licence.

Shortly after these Parcels were united in the Possession of *Fitzteck*, a great Norman, from whom they passed (as is set forth at large in the next Vill) to *Richard Argenton*, who was Lord of both Villis, and in the time of H. III. founded a Priory here of Cannons Regular, to be govern'd after the Order of St. *Benedict*, which they held until the time of the Suppression thereof, when it was valued to be yearly worth 37*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* ob. but in the *Monasticon* at no more than 29*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* ob.

*Weav. Fus.*  
*Acts & Mon.*  
fol. 546.

*Monast.* vol. 1,  
fol. 1041.

When this Priory came to the Crown by the Dissolution, King H. VIII. by Deed dated 10 Decem. Anno 29 Regni sui, devised to *James Needham*, Gent. Clerk and Surveyor of the King's Works, all the Lordship and Scite, late of the Priory and Monastery of *Wimundesley*, in the County of *Hertford*, suppressed by Authority of Parliament, with all Lands, Meadows, and Pastures belonging to the Monastery and the Rectory of the Parish Church of *Wimundesley Parva*,

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and all Tythes, Oblations, Profits, Obventions, and Commodities whatsoever belonging to the Rectory, for the Term of one and twenty Years, to commence from the Feast of St. Michael, then last past, reserving to the King, his Heirs, and Successors, the yearly Rent of 13*l.* 7*s.* And the King did farther grant, as well the Stipend and Wages of a Chaplain to celebrate yearly divine Service, and to take the Care of the Church of ~~Wadestrate~~ *Wadestrate*, as also all Rents, Fees, Annuities, Pensions, Portions, and Sums of Money issuing out of the Premises, except the Rents above reserved.

This *James* was the Son of *Christopher Needham*, who was the Son of *John*, who was commonly called Black *John Needham* of *Needham-grange* in the County of *Derby*, for that he was a very black Man: his Children have inherited the same Complexion, and hold it to this very Day; and for his Arms he bore *Argent, on a Bend ingrey'l'd Azure, between two Buck's Heads cabosh'd Sable*, (to distinguish his Line) *an Escallop Gold*; and for his Crest or Ornament of the Helme, a *Buck's Head Sable attir'd Gold* issuing out of a *Crown or Garland*. *Hall's* Gold, anciently in the flourishing Estate of the Roman Commonwealth, was wont to be as a military Reward, bestowed on such as had valiantly enter'd into the Trench or Bulwork of the Enemy.

King *Henry* sent this *James* to *Bulloigne* in *France*, where he died in the Month of *Sept.* Anno 36 *H. VIII.* and left

*John* his Son and Heir, who obtained a Patent of this Mannor and Rectory from King *Henry*, to the Use of himself and his Heirs; then convey'd it to the Use of himself for Life, the Remainder to the Use of his Son *George* and his Heirs, and in the Month of *July*, Anno 34 *Eliz.* he dyed and was buried in this Chancel, where his Tomb remaineth.

*George* succeeded, and was possesst hereof till the Month of *June*, Anno 1626, when he died at this Mannor-house, leaving Issue

*Eustace*, who was his Son and Heir, lived here until the Month of *May*, Anno 1658, then died and was buried in this Church.

*George*, who was his Heir, enjoy'd it, much improv'd it during the time he was possesst thereof, and died in *July*, 1669, leaving Issue *George* his Son and Heir, and the present Possessor hereof.

This Priory has been a fair old Building with Cloysters; there was a Chappel in it consecrated since the Dissolution, almost surrounded with a Mote, is scituated upon the Side of a small Hill, encompassed with near 400 Acres of rich meadow, pasture, and arrable Land inclosed to it, with a very fair Orchard and Garden, yeilding the best Sort of Fruit. The House is supply'd from a Conduit, with sufficient Water to turn the Spit in the Kitchen upon all Occasions.

This Priory was dedicated to the blessed St. *Mary*.

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THE Proprietors hereof have continually provided Priests, and Curates, to serve the Cure at their Pleasure; it is situated in the Deanery of *Fitchin*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, covered with Lead, hath a square Tower at the West End, wherein hang four Bells, and in the Wall on the North Side of the upper End of the Chancel, is a Monument which has this Inscription.

*James Needham*, of the ancient Family of the *Needhams* in *Derbyshire*, came into this County of *Hertford*, in the Year of our Lord, 1536. He was advanced by King *Henry* the eighth, for his Services in *England* and *France*, and lyes buried in our Ladies Church in *Bolington*; he had issue *John*, who had *George*, who dedicated this Monument to their Memory, Anno 1605.

*Satius est mortis quam Natalis dies.*

*On the North Side lies a Stone which has this Inscription.*

In hopes of the Resurrection to Eternal Life, here are laid up the remains of *George Needham*, Esquire; who dyed June 30th. Anno Domini, 1609. *Etatis sue* 51. His only Wife he left behind, *Barbara*, the Daughter of Sir *William Fitch* of *Broadwater*, in the County of *Essex*, Knight; and by her seven Children, *George*, *Barbara*, *Anne*, *Elizabeth*, *Fitch*, *James*, and *Morrice*; to whose Memory this is dedicated, by *George* his Son.

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THIS Vill borrowed its Name from some ancient Proprietor; in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor, Earl *Harold* held it, and after his Death, *William* the Conqueror seized it into his Hands, and was possess hereof at the time the general Survey was made, for it is there recorded under the Title of *Terra Regis*.

In *Broadwater Hundred*. *Willelmus Rex, tenet Wimundeslei, pro octo hidis ac defendebat. Terra est xviii car. in Dominio duas hidas, et dimid. et ibi sunt tres car. et xxiv Vil. et unus Sochmannus, et quinque bord. et quinque cotar. habentes quindecim car. ibi sex Servi et un. Molin. de vigint. sol. pratum un. car. et duo bobus, pastura ad pecud. Vil. nemus ad sepes. Hoc Manerium fuit in Dominio Ecclesie Sancte Marie de Etrich, sed Heraldus Comes adtulit inde ut tota Scira testatur, et apposuit in Huius Manerio suo tribus annis ante mortem Regis Edwardi.*

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 133, nu. 1.*

*Goisbertus de Balvaco tenet Wimundeslei pro tribus hidis, et un. virgat. ac defendebat. Terra est quatuor car. in Dominio duo hid. et duo virgat. et dimid. et ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri, ibi quatuor Vil. cum tribus Bord. habentibus un. car. ibi quatuor cotar. et duo Servi pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva decem porc. in totis valentiis, valet lx solidis, quando recepit viginti. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi lx sol. Hoc Manerium tenuit Suwen homo Com Heraldus, et vendere potuit.*

*Ibid. fol. 141,  
nu. 35.*

King *William* held *Wimundesley* in the Hundred of *Broadwater*. it was rated for eight Hides, the arrable is eighteen Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides and an half, and there are three Carucates and four and twenty Villains, and one Socman, and five Bordars, and five Cottagers having fifteen Carucates, there are six Servants and one Mill of twenty Shillings Rent, Meadow one Carucate, and two Organgs, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood for Hedges; this Mannor was in the Demeasne of the Church of *St. Mary of Chelms*, but Earl *Harold* took it from thence, as all the Shire can witness, and laid it to his Mannor in *Ht* about three Years before the death of King *Edward* (the Confessor.)

*Goisbert de Belvace* held *Wimundesley*, it was rated for three Hides and one Virgate. The arrable is four Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides, and two Virgates and an half, and there are two Carucates and a

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third may be made, there are four Villains, with three Bordars, having one Carucate, there are four Cottagers and two Servants, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed ten Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth sixty Shillings a Year, when hereceived it twenty Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor,) sixty Shillings a Year, *Sven* a Man (under the Protection) of Earl *Harold*, held this Mannor and might sell it.

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Herts.
fol. 406.*

Afterwards the King granted it to *Fitzteck*, a noble *Norman*, to hold of him by the honourable Tenure of Grand Serjeanty, that the Lords thereof should serve the Kings of England upon their Coronation-day with his first Cup in the Nature of his Cup-bearer, which honourable Service, certain noble Gentlemen of that Family held, until the Reign of King *H. II.* when this Name expired, and this Mannor came to

Ibid.

*Plin. 7 R. I.
fol. 22, cur.
recept. Beac.*

Reginald de Argenton, who derived his Name and Pedigree from *David de Argenton*, a *Norman* and a martial Knight, who served under King *William* the Conquerour, in the Wars, and in Remembrance of this Service, they gave for their Arms, *three Cups Argent in a Shield*: This *Reginald* demanded against the Abbess of *Elmstowe*, the Advowson of *Elmondesley*, as his Right, which belong'd to his Inheritance held in Serjeanty of the King; and *Simon de Guy*, Attorney to the Abbess, came and defended her Right, and said that *Judith* the Countess, Niece to King *William* the Conqueror, who founded the Abbey of *Alnestow*, gave to the Church of *Alnestow* the Vill of *Witch*, with the Church of the same Vill, and the Chappel of *Elmondesley*, which belonged to the Church of *Witch*, by her Deed which he produced; and it was attested that she gave it in free and perpetual Alms, in which Deed the Grant and Confirmation of King *William* the Conquerour, with the Consent of King *William* his Son, was contained: He produced also the Confirmation of King *Henry* thereupon, the Confirmation of King *Henry* Father of the King, the Writings of the Bishop, who were Officials in that Diocess, the Evidence of the Archbishop, who attested that the Church of *Elmondesley* was appurtenant to the Church of *Witch*, the Evidence of the Bishop who dedicated that Church, and the Testimony of the Legate *Reginald*, said that the Church of *Elmondesley* was never purtinat to the Church of *Witch*, and that King *William* never held *Elmondesley* in his Demesne, but in his time held that Land which *Alded* had, and did present the Parson to that Church, and after her the King gave *Elmondesley* as an Escheat to *Reginald* his Grandfather in Serjeanty, and thereupon he presented two Parsons to that Church, whereof the last was named *Osbert*, and upon this he brought his Suit, &c. and because the Prioress had not Entry, she put herself upon the Country, and Day was given.

This *Reginald* was constituted Sheriff of the Counties of *Cambridge* and *Huntingdon*, Anno 6 & 7 of R. I. but adhering to the rebellious Barons, Anno 17 *Johannis* had Letters of safe Conduct to come to the King, to treat of Peace for them, wherein he effecting nothing at that time, but making his own Composition, Command was given to the Sheriff of *Cambridgeshire* to give him Possession of all his Land in the same County, which had been seized for that Rebellion: After his Decease

Richard de Argenton succeeded, was constituted Sheriff for the Counties of *Essex* and *Hertford*, 8 H. III. also Governour of the Castle of *Hertford*, and one of the Stewards of the King's Household Anno 11 *Edw.* III. He founded a Priory for Canons Regular, went on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 14 *Hen.* III. and dyed Anno 1246, 30 *Hen.* III. leaving Issue

Giles his Son and Heir, a Knight of great Valour, who was with the King in his Expedition made into *Wales*, 16 H. III. where he was taken Prisoner with some others in a sharp Fight with the *Welch* near *Montgomery*; afterwards he assisted the rebellious Barons, who took the King Prisoner in that fatal Battel of *Lewes*, and was elected one of those nine Counsellours who govern'd the Realm, but after the Battel of *Ebersham*, where the Strength of those Rebels was totally vanquisht, the Lands of him, and *Reginald* his Son then with him in that Insurrection, were extended; afterwards he dyed 11 *Edw.* I. seized of this Mannor by Grand Serjeanty, to serve the King upon the Day of his Coronation with a silver Cup, leaving

Reginald Argenton his Son and Heir, at that time forty Years of Age; he did his Homage soon after his Father's Death, had Livery of all his Lands in the Counties of *Cambridge*, *Portfolke*, *Suffolke*, and *Hertford*; and having been summon'd to Parliament Anno 25 *Edw.* I. dyed 1 *Edw.* II. leaving

John his Son and Heir, who did his Homage, had Livery of his Land, and by *Joan* his first Wife, had Issue three Daughters, *Joan*, *Elizabeth*, and *Dionise*, who were Heirs to their Mother; and by *Anne* his second Wife, one Son named *John*: And dying 12th of *Edw.* II.

John was his Heir, aged six Months at the Death of his Father: this Mannor continued in this Family till the time of *Hen.* VI.

When the Name expired for Want of Issue Male; *Elizabeth Argenton*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs, but at length the entire Heretrix of her other Sister, brought this Mannor, with divers other fair Possessions, to Sir *William Alington*, Kt. whom she espoused, whose Pedigree I think proper to set forth in this Place.

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353, 369, 718.*

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*Rot. Fin. 11
Ed. III. n. 25.*

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*Rot. Fin. 1
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*Claus. 13 Ed.
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Bar vol. 2,
fol. 615.*

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Heldebrand, who married the Daughter and Heir of *John Columbarius*, by whom he had *Alan de Alington*, who married *Maud* the Daughter of *Sir Giles Brockhil, Kt.*

Hugh, the Son of *Alan*,

Solomon de Alington,

Ralph Alington,

Herbert Alington,

Hugh de Alington,

Thomas de Alington,

William de Alington of *Botesham*, married *Dionise* the Daughter of *William Malet* of *Borseheath*, in the County of *Cambridge*, Anno 2 H. V.

William Alington de *Botesham*, in the County of *Canterbury*, married *Joan* the Daughter and Heir of *William Burgis*.

Sir William Alington, Kt. married *Elizabeth*, the Daughter and Coheir of *Sir John Argentine*, in whose Right he became possess of this Mannor.

John Alington married *Mary* Daughter of *Lawrence Choyny* of *Fenditton* in the County of *Canterbury*; and died in the time of *Edw. IV.*

Sir William Alington married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Henry Wentworth*, and after her Decease, 2 the Daughter of *Ralph Sapcoats*. He lived in the time of *Edw. IV.* and *R. III.* and left Issue by his first Wife.

Sir Giles Alington, Kt. who married the Daughter and Heir of *Richard Gardiner*, Lord Mayor of *London*.

Sir Giles Alington, Kt. married *Alice*, Sister and Heir of *Thomas Middleton*, and after her Decease, *Ursula*, Daughter of *Robert Drury* of *Hansted* in *Suffolkt*, he had Issue by *Alice*, *Richard Alington*, Master of the Rolls, and others.

Robert Alington of *Borseheath* married *Margaret* the Daughter of *William Conisby* of *Norfolkt*; one of the Justices of the *King's Bench*, but he dyed in the Life-time of his Father.

Giles Alington succeeded his Grandfather, and married *Margaret*, the Daughter of *Sir John Spencer*, by whom he had Issue.

Giles Alington, who was knighted, and married *Dorothy* the Daughter of *Thomas* Earl of *Exeter*, from whom issued

William Alington, who was created *Baron Alington* of *Millard*, by Letters Patents, dated Anno 1642; he married

Elizabeth the Daughter of Sir *Lionel Talmach* of *Helmingham* in the County of *Suffolke*, Baronet; by whom he had Issue *Giles*, *William*, *Hildebrand*, *Argentine*, and three Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to *Charles* Lord *Seymour* of *Trotobridge*, *Katharine* to Sir *John Jacob*, Baronet, and *Diana* who died single.

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Giles Alington, Baron of *Willard*, dyed without Issue

William Alington was his Brother and Heir, succeeded him in the Honour of *Willard*, and this Mannor, afterwards was created Baron *Alington* of *Alimondley*, by Letters Patents, dated the 5th of *December*, 1682, Anno 35 Car. II. He married *Katharine*, the Sister of *Philip* Earl of *Cheshersfield*, and after her Decease, *Julian* Daughter of *Baptist Noel* Viscount *Cambden*, and after her Decease, *Diana*, Daughter of *John* Earl of *Bedford*, and the Relict of Sir *Grevil Verney* of *Compton* in the County of *Warwick*, Kt. He had Issue by *Julian* his second Wife, *William* who dyed in his Infancy, and *Julian*; and by *Diana* his last Wife, he had *Hildebrand*, who died in his Minority, *Diana* and *Katharine*, who dyed unmarried 1693, and *Giles* Baron *Alington* of *Willard* and *Alimondley*, who dyed 1691, upon whose Death the Barony of *Alimondley* expired through Want of Heir male of the Body of the last *William* Lord *Alington*, but the Barony of *Willard* descended to

Hildebrand Lord *Alington*, as the third Son and Heir of *William* Lord *Alington* his Father, succeeded him in this Irish Honour; but upon a Sute in *Chancery*, this Mannor was sold upon a Decree past there to

Elizabeth Hambleton, the Widow and Relict of *James Hambleton*, Esq. who commanded a Regiment of Foot, in the time of King *Charles* II. in the Navy against the *Dutch*, where he was shot in the Leg, upon which Wound he dyed. She was one of the Daughters of Sir *John Colepeper*, a Person of great Ability, and perfectly loyal to his Prince; He was constituted Chancellor of the Exchequer, afterwards Master of the Rolls, and sworn of the Privy Council, to King *Charles* I. on whose Behalf he courageously ventured his Life in the Battles of *Marston*, *Neboer*, and divers other sharp Encounters; for which Service he was advanced to the Dignity of a Baron, by the Title of Baron *Colepeper* of *Chorlesway* in the County of *Lincoln*, by Patent dated at *Oxford*, 21st of *October*, 1644, 20th of the same King. She had Issue by her Husband, *James* married to *Elizabeth* the Daughter of Sir *Robert Redding*, and *Jane* his Wife, Countess of *Montroth* in *Ireland*; *George*, who commanded a Regiment of Foot in the Service of King *William* and Queen *Mary* in *Flanders*, where he was slain in the Year 1694, and *William Hambleton*: and she is the present Lady hereof.

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THE Rectory and Vicaridge of **St. Martin** is appropriated to the perpetual Use of the Masters, Fellows, and Scholars of *Trinity Colledge* in Cambridge; and the Vicaridge, Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 6*l.* per Ann. whereof the Masters, Fellows, and Scholars of *Trinity Colledge*, are Patrons.

The VICAR, Mr. Ford.

This Church is erected upon low Ground in the middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of **Wittrin**, in the Diocess of **Lincolne**; the Body is covered with Lead, to which a square Tower is annexed at the West End, wherein are four small Bells, without any Spire upon it, or other Remark in the Church.

In this Vill there is a Water-mill upon the **Butt**, from thence called **Butt-mill**, which in the time of *William* the Conqueror, was yearly rented at twenty Shillings, as appears by *Domesdei*. Mills were of great Antiquity, for I find it recorded among the ancient Laws, that if any Man shall violently break a Water-mill, he shall be bound to repair it within thirty Dayes, and moreover to pay thirty Shillings for the Tresspass; and a little after follows, We command the same of Water-poles, which serve such Mills, and that the Water-dams shall be kept and preserved.

Spelm. Gloss.
fol. 416, tit.
mollinum or
molendinum.

GRAVELEY, cum CHIVESFIELD.

WHEN that memorable Record of *Domesdei* was made, *William* Earl of **Flint**, Son of *Robert de Auco*, one of the Chief Counsellours to *William* Duke of **Normandy**, before his Conquest of **England**, was possess of this Mannor of **Gravelly**, for 'tis there recorded, under the Title of *Terra Willielmi de Ow*.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 138, n. 18.

Willielmus de Ow, et Petrus de eo ten. in Gravelai, un. virgat et dimid. Terra est dimid. car. sed non est, ibi sunt duo Vil. valet hæc terra tres sol. quando recepit quatuor sol. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi, de hac terra ten. Alesten de Roscumbe, un. virgat. et jacebat in Estons, et Lepsi dimid. virgat. Sochmannus Regis Edwardi vendere poterat, et de consuetud. unum obulum Vicecom. reddebat, et de hac dimid. h. jacebant octo acra, et una Tofta in Estons, quam Rex Edwardus dedit Sancto Petro de Estons. et modo ten. Rogerus Minister Petri Valoinensis.

William de Ow, and *Peter* held of him one Virgate and an half in **Gravelly**. The arrable is half a Carucate but there is not so much, there are two Villains, this Land is worth three Shillings a Year, and when he received it four Shillings a Year, and Rent in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor,) *Alesten* of **Roscumbe**, held one Virgate of this Land, and it did lye in **Estons**, and *Lepus* a Sochman of King *Edward* (the Confessor) half a Virgate he might sell it, and he paid an half Penny by the Year, to the Sheriff for Rent, and these eight Acres of this Moieity and one Toft did lye in **Estons**, which King *Edward* (the Confessor) gave to Saint *Peter* of **Estons**, and now *Roger* a Minister of *Peter de Valongies* held it.

Norden, p. 17.

Mr. Norden holds that this Vill was called **Gravelly**, from some Reeve of the County, who might possess the same in the time of the Saxons, for the Name in the Saxons Language, signifies the Reeve's Land.

Anno 1068, 1 *William Rufus*, this *William* Earl of *Here* was one of those Lords, who assisted *Odo* Bishop of *Bayeux*, and *Robert* Earl of *Merton* and *Cornwel*, the King's Uncles, to advance *Robert Curthose*, Duke of *Normandy*, and elder Brother of King *William Rufus*, to the Crown of *England*; but afterwards covetous of Riches, and ambitious of Honour, and having an Assurance of both, if he would promote the Interest of *William Rufus*, he deserted *Robert Curthose*, Anno 1093, (6 *Will. Rufus*) who was his liege Lord to whom he had sworn Fealty, and came into *England*, where he offered his Service to King *William Rufus*: but 'tis observable that those Men who will not hold to their Principle, but sell their Prince for private Gain or Preferment are not to be trusted, for they that will be false to one Master, will never be true to another; so it happen'd with this Earl *William*, for shortly after he joyned with *Robert de Molbray*, Earl of *Northumberland*, in that Conspiracy to murder *Rufus* in a Wood, and being charged with this Plot by some Person, whom he challenged to a Duel, for the Justification of his Innocency therein, and being vanquished in the Duel, his Eyes were pulled out, and his Privy-members cut off at *Saresbury*, whilst the King celebrated a great Council there on the Octaves of the Epiphany, Anno 1096, 9 *Will. Rufus*.

Yet *Henry* his Son succeeded him in the Earldom of *Here*, who joyned with the Earl of *Gloucester*, and others in that honourable Reception of King *H. I.* made by the Nobility of *Normandy*, when he first landed there, after he had got the Crown of *England*.

But he conspired with *Baldwin* Earl of *Flanders*, to advance *William*, Son to *Robert Curthose*, to the Crown of *England*, and the King having Notice of it, secured him at *Roan*, and kept him in Custody till he had surrender'd up all his strong Holds.

Howbeit the next Year, he made some Satisfaction for this Offence, for he attended the King in that memorable Battel at *Brannestell* near *Roan*, where the *English* obtain'd a glorious Victory against *Lewis* King of *France*; but finding that this Mannor came to the Lords of *Chesham*, which was in the Possession of *Peter de Valongies*, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded under the Title of *Terra Petri de Valongies*.

In *Bradwater* Hundred. in *Essex*, ten. Godefridus de Petro. un. hid et dimid. Terra est un. car. et ibi est cum duo Bord. et un. servo, valet. xxx sol. quando recepit xx sol. tempore Regis Edwardi, xl sol. de hac terra ten. Aluvinus hid. et dimid. exceptis x acris, et i Test. quas ten. Aluvinus Dode homo Alurici parvi, et jacebant in *Essex*, non poterat vendere extra.

Godfrey held one Hide and an half of *Peter de Valongies* in *Essex*, in the Hundred of *Bradwater*. The arable is one Carucate, and it is there with two Borders and one Servant, it is worth thirty Shillings a Year, when he received it twenty Shillings a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) forty Shillings a Year, *Alvine* held one Hide and

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Ralph de Diceto, col. 489, n. 36.
Bar. vol. 1, fol. 136.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 141, n. 36.

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an half of this Land, except ten Acres and one Tost, which *Alwine Dede*, a Man (under the Protection of little *Aluric* held, and did lye in *Essex*, he could not sell them from thence.

*Ral. Hist. of  
the World,  
lib. 1, fol. 148.*

But in the time of *H. III.* both these Mannors were in the Possession of *William de Chives*, who erected a Seat upon this Hill, and called it by his own Name, to perpetuate the Memory thereof to Posterity; for many Persons would often give their own Names, or the Names of their Ancestors to Mountains or Rivers, as to things after their Judgement freest from any Alteration, for the Names of great Kingdoms were often changed by Conquerours, and the greatest Cities burnt or demolisht.

This *William de Monte Caviso* was one of the great Captains, Anno 1264, 48 *H. III.* that lead the second Battalia under the Command of *Gilbert de Clara*, the second General of the Army which the Barons had then raised against King *H. III.* for by that Means he was known Anno 1258, and 1259, 42 and 43 *H. III.* during the Space of both which Years he served the King in the Office of Sheriff for the Counties of *Hertford* and *Essex*.

*Prim's Par.  
pt. 3.*

*Ralph de Monte Caviso* succeeded him, and did his Homage and Service to *Humphry de Bohun*, Earl of *Hertford* and *Essex*, for the Tenements which he held of him in the Vill of *Chibersfield* in this County, and *Stemmes* in the County of *Essex*; and he served as Knight of the Shire for this County in the Parliament held Anno 1300, 2 *Edw. II.* which Parliament continued but a short time, for I have not seen any Statute made there.

*Ibid.*

After his Decease, this Mannor came to the Possession of *Richard de Monte Caviso*, who was a Person of great Esteem and much Value in his time, for he served this County in four several Parliaments, one held Anno 4 *Edw. III.* another Anno 5 *Edw. III.* another Anno 7 *Edw. III.* and another Anno 14 *Edw. III.* He was also constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, but I suppose dyed in his Shrievalty, for that he held it no longer than the first Half of that Year.

*Ibid.*

*Ralph de Monte Caviso* succeeded, and served this County in the Parliament held Anno 33 *Edw. III.* and I suppose he sold it to

*Edward Barrington*, who held a Court for the Mannor of *Crabeley*, on Monday next after the Feast of *Easter*, Anno 1411, 12 *H. IV.* then the Mannor of *Chibersfield*, came to the Possession of

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nerii de Che-  
visfield.*

*Rot. Pip. 30  
H. VI.*

*Thomas Barrington*, Esq. who held a Court there on Monday next after the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, Anno 1438, 16 *H. VI.* and was constituted Sheriff for the Counties of *Hertford* and *Essex*, Anno 1452, 30 *H. VI.* and served the King in that Office, during the whole Year.

*Nicholas Barrington* succeeded, was possess of both these

Mannors of *Chisfield* and *Crabey*, and held a Court for both of them together at the Feast of *Pentecost*, An. 1492, 7 H. VII. and the Year following he conveyed them to Sir *William Pykenham*, *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. and others in Trust for the Benefit of himself and *Elizabeth* his Wife; by Vertue whereof the Trustees held a Court on Wednesday next before the Feast of *St. George* the Martyr, in the same Year for the said Mannors in their Names: After the Death of this *Nicholas*

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Rot. cur. Ma-  
nerii.*

*Ibid.*

*Elizabeth* his Wife survived, married—— *Parker*, and for the Security of these Mannors to her own proper Use during the time of her Coverture, they were conveyed before the Marriage to *Richard Sheldon*, and other Feoffees in Trust for the Benefit of *Elizabeth Parker*, and by Force of this Settlement, the Trustees held a Court on Wednesday next before the Feast of *St. Michael*, Anno 1507, 22 H. VII. in their Names, and upon her Death both these Mannors descended to

*Ibid.*

Sir *Nicholas Barrington*, Knight, who conveyed them in Trust to Sir *John Greene*, Kt. and other Feoffees to such Purposes as were directed; by the Authority of which Settlement, these Feoffees held a Court on the 13th of Jan. 1518, 9 H. VIII. for both; in the mean while this Sir *Nicholas* by Will dated 22d of July, 1515, disposed of them with the Mannors of *Letchworth* and *Waxton*, which he had given to *Thomas Leventhorpe*, *Thomas Peryent*, Esquires, and *Edmund Brocket*, Gent. and others, for 17 Years, to the Use of his Will, and the Residue of all his Goods unbequeathed, to Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife, except the Standards of his Houses of *Chisfield* and *Barrington-hall*, which he willed to be left to his Heir apparent *John Barrington*, when he came to the Age of 22 Years; and it seems he dyed about the Year 1521, for in the Month of *October*, in this same Year, this Will was proved.

*Ibid.*

*John Barrington*, Esq. was his Son and Heir, enjoyed these Mannors, and settled them in *Thomas Peryent*, Esq. and other Trustees, who by Force hereof, held Court here on the 4th of *November*, 1534, 25 H. VIII. after the Death of this *John Barrington*.

*Ibid.*

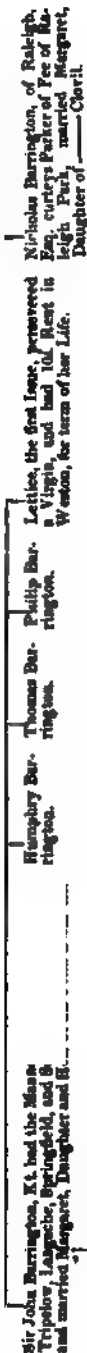
*Thomas Barrington* his Son and Heir succeeded: but whilst he was under Age, the Lady *Elizabeth Barrington*, who survived her Husband, was Guardian to her Son, and held Court in these Mannors in her Name on the 5th of *May*, 1546, 38 H. VIII. and when *Thomas* the Son attain'd to Age, he held a Court here in his own Name, then conveyed them to

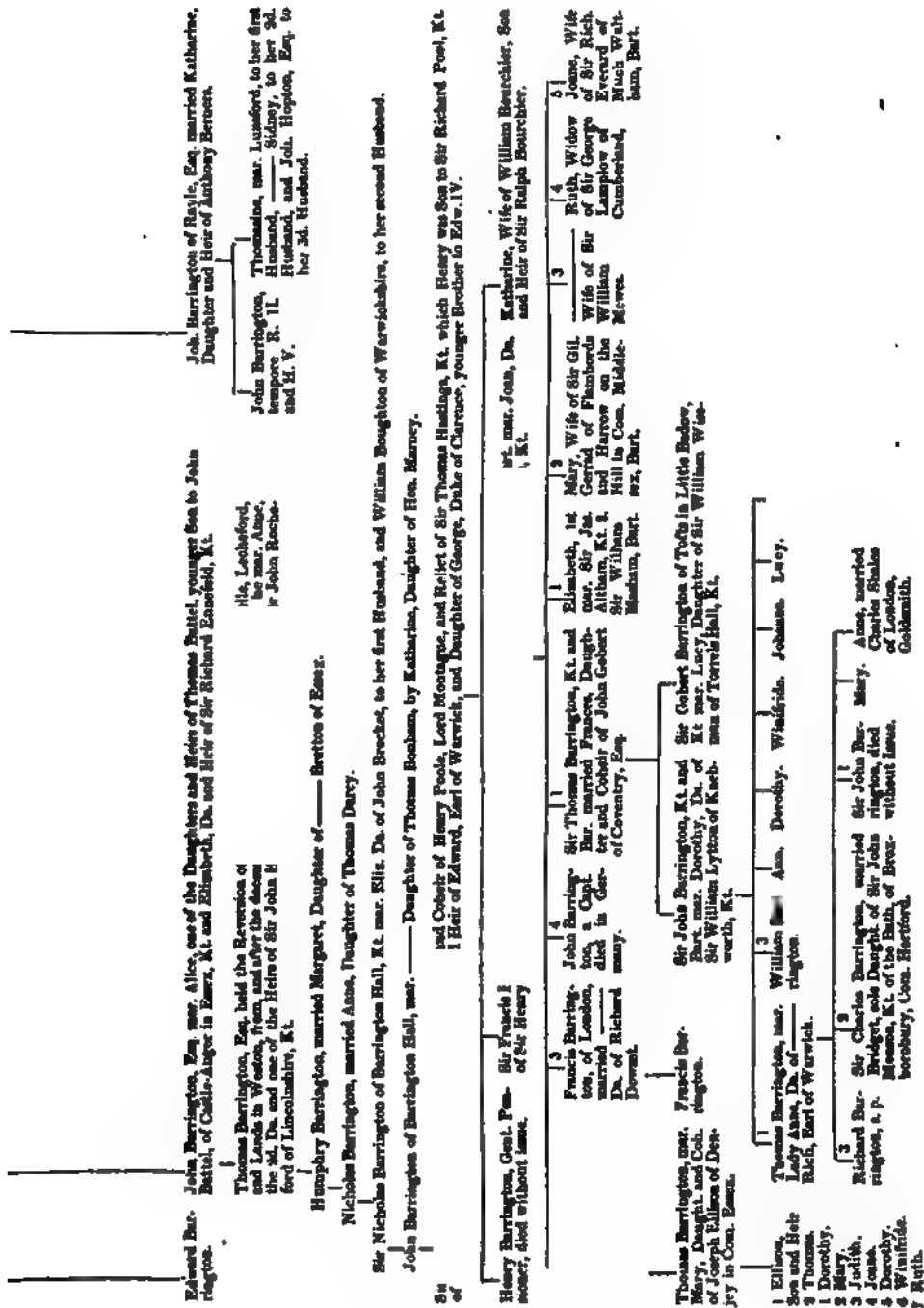
*Ibid.*

*Elizabeth Barrington* his Mother, who held another Court the 20th of *April*, 1555, 1 & 2 P. & M. in her Name, but shortly after dying, these Mannors returned again to *Thomas Barrington*.

THE PEDIGREE OF THE BARRINGTONS.

Sir Othmell Barrington, Kt. Baron of Wigton, descended from Barrington, who served Queen Elizabeth, and Mother to King Edward (the Confessor) and was subdued by King William the Conqueror.





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But to return to *Thomas Barrington*, whose Arms were *Argent, three Cheveronell Gules, over all a Label of three Points Azure.* He sold these Mannors to *Geo. Clerke* of *Bennington* in this County, Gent. who soon after this Purchase dyed, leaving Issue four Sons, *Will. Tho. Joh. and Geo.*

*William Clerk* was his Son and Heir, educated at the Inns of Court, where he improved his time in the Study of the Law, was called to the Bar, sedulous and diligent in his Profession, and had a great Reputation among the Learned; he dyed leaving Issue

*George*, to whom these Mannors descended by Right of Inheritance; he lived retiredly in the Country upon his Estate, enjoyed them some Years, then dyed, and left them to

*William Clerk*, who loved a country Life, delighted much in the Pleasure of Hawking, and would be very free, brisk and merry in all Companies; he suffered much for his Loyalty to King *Char. I.* when the factious Party was prevalent, and in the Height of those troublesome times, he rose one Evening from Supper, sat down in his Chair by the Fire, and dyed suddenly there, leaving Issue *William, Nicholas, and Francis.*

*William Clerke* was his Heir, possess these Mannors, and held divers Courts here; he married *Mary* the Daughter and sole Heir of *John Bagshaw* of *London*, Merchant, by whom he had Issue four Daughters, *Elizabeth, Jane, Valeanna, and Frances*, and dyed.

*Mary* his Widow succeeded, held these Mannors for her Life, and during her time, *Elizabeth* her eldest Daughter married *George Throckmorton*, Esq. descended from that ancient Family of *Throckmorton* in *Bedfordshire*; and after her Decease, *Jane* the second Daughter married *William Capel* of *Stanton*, in the County of *Suffolk*, Esq. who descended from *Sir Arthur Capel*, Ancestor to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Essex*; *Valeanna* the third Daughter married *Thomas Story* of *London* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. and *Frances* the youngest Daughter married *Sir Charles Neale* of *Wollaston* in the County of *Northampton*, Kt. who were the Coheirs to these Mannors, and upon the Partition of the Estate of this *William Clerk* among these Daughters, these Mannors with the Mannor-house and Seat was allotted by Agreement to

*Elizabeth* the eldest Daughter, who joined with her Husband in a Conveyance of them to the Use of them for their Lives, and the longer Liver, the Remainder to him and his Heirs, by Reason whereof he became Lord of these Mannors.

His Pedigree is set out by *Sir William Dugdale* in his

Survey of ~~Warwickshire~~ <sup>Warwick</sup>, and brought down to Sir George Throckmorton of Coughton in the County of ~~Warwick~~ <sup>Warwick</sup>, therefore I have drawn it down only from that Knight, to this Gentleman, the last Owner of these Mannors. He dyed at ~~Chisfield~~ <sup>Chisfield</sup>, on the first of October, 1696, leaving Issue John, George, William, Thomas; Mary married to Thomas Broomfield, Gent. Elizabeth married to Gerrard Fitz Gerald, Doctor in Physick, Dorothy wedded to John Hurst of ~~Haveril~~ <sup>Haveril</sup> in ~~Essex~~ <sup>Essex</sup>, Gent. Jane, Anne, Frances who dyed in her Infancy, Katharine, and Monica: He bore Gules, a Chevron Argent, three Bars Gemelles Sable.

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Sir George Throckmorton of Coughton in the County of Warwick, Kt. died 1 Mariz. — Katharine, Daught. of Nich. Baron Vaux of Harwood, and Eliz. one of the Coheirs of Baron Fitzhugh.

Sir Rob. Throckmorton, Kt. mar. Muriel, the Da. of Tho. Baron of Barkeley. Clem. Throckmorton of Hassey. Keneleme. Anthony Throckmorton of Castleton, in the County of Oxford, mar. Katharine, the Da. and sole Heir of Will. Willington of Barcheton in the County of Warw. and the Relict of W. Catesby, of Lapworth in the same County, Esq. and before him of R. Kemp. Sir Nicho. Throckmorton, Kt. Jo. Throckmorton, Justice of Chester. Fran. Throckmorton.

Jo. Throckmorton, Son and Heir died without Issue. Thos. Throckmorton, died without Issue. Geo. Throckmorton of Rolandwright in the County of Oxford, 1564, mar. Eliz. Da. and Heir of Rob. Gines of Colchester in Com. Essex. Mary, Wife of Jo. Stradford. Katharine, Wife of Rob. Acton. Anne. Margaret, Wife of Rob. Ansley of Brookend in the County of Oxford. Elizabeth, Wife of Rich. Acton. Robert, died an Infant.

John Throckmorton of Magdalen Labor in the County of Essex, Son and Heir mar. — Dorothy, 1st. Wife, Da. of Rich. Hardy in the County of Dorset. — Ursula, 2d. Wife, Rel. of Edw. Osborn of Piddington in the County of Northampton, 1627.

John Throckmorton died in his Infancy. George Throckmorton of Magdalen Labor, Son and Heir, 1663, mar. Eliz. the eldest Da. and one of the Coh. of Will. Clerke of Chisfield in Com. Hertford. Jane, the Wife of Humphry Hide of Hurst in the County of Berks, 1682.

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| John, Son and Heir mar. Mary, Widow of Humph. Foster, Gent. fourth Da. of Sir H. Chauncy, Kt. | George, 3 William, 4 Thomas. | Mary, m. to Tho. Broomfield, Gent. | Elizabeth, m. to Edw. Fitz Gerald. | Dorothy, mar. to John Hurst of Haveril, in Essex, Gent. | Jane, 5 Anne. | Frances, died in her infancy. | Katharine, 8 Monica. |

John Throckmorton beareth for his Atchievement, *four Coats quarterly*, viz. 1. Throckmorton; Gules, on a Chevron Argent three Bars Gemelles Sable, with a Mollette for Difference. 2. Willington; Or, a Saltier Vaire. 3. Gynes; Vaire Or and Azure, a Canton Ermin. 4. Clerke; Party per Chevron Azure and Or, in Chief three Leopards Heads, and in base an Eagle display'd counterchanged; Crest on a Wreath of the Colours, a Falcon with Wing expanded Proper, the Back, Legs, and Jesses Or.

I. Throckmorton; Gules, on a Chevron Argent three Bars Gemelles Sable impaling Vaux; Chequy Argent and Gules, on a Chevron Azure, three Roses Or, seeded and barbed proper, and the Crest of Throckmorton over them, being a Falcon with Wings expanded Proper, the Back, Legs, and Jesses Or, standing upon a Wreath of the Colours.

II. Throckmorton; as afore, with a Mollette impaling Willington; Or, a Saltier Vaire.

III. Throckmorton; differenced as before, impaling Gynes, Vaire Or, and Azure, a Canton Ermine.

IV. Throckmorton; with the same Difference, impaling Hardy; Sable, on a Chevron between three Escallop shells Or, as many Dragons Heads creaz'd of the first langued, Gules.

V. Throckmorton; with a Mollette as afore, impaling Clerke; Party per Chevron Azure and Or, three Leopards Heads in Chief, and an Eagle displayed in Base, all counterchanged.

The Arms in the Hall Window at Chisfield.



*Hund. of  
Braddeston*  
Camd. Brit.  
tit. Hantsire  
fol. 272.

Near the Mannor-house, a fair Beacon might have been lately seen, which was wount by a light burning Fire, to give Notice to all the Inhabitants round about, when any Enemies were coming.

**T**HE Church of *Grabeley cum Chisfield*, Anno 26 H.VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 12l. 8d.

Record in the  
Priory of  
Wimondley,  
abstracted &  
entered in the  
Reg. Book of  
Graveley, 6  
Sept. 1641, by  
Edm. Brock-  
et, Minister  
of Graveley.

The Churches of *Grabeley* and *Chisfield* were united in the Year of our Lord 1445, 23 H. VI. by *William* Bishop of *Lincoln*, upon the Petition of *Thomas Brocket* and *Thomas Palmer*, and *Elizabeth* and *Christiana* their Wives; by Reason the Smallness of the Revenue of each Church for the Maintenance of an Incumbent, *Grabeley* being then valued at eight Markes, and *Chisfield* at five, and that the Uncertainty of their Bounds could not be known, whence such Contentions arose between the Incumbents, that they meeting together upon Preambulation, one Parson kill'd the other, and the Churches were not distant above Half a Mile.

Yet both these Churches have been continued, and the several Patrons heretofore presented to them in their Turns, as appears by the Register in the Church of *Lincoln*, where 'tis recorded that

*Willielmus Sely Presbyter, presentatus per Thomam Brocket et Elizabetham uxorem ejus et Thomam Palmer et Christianam uxorem ejus ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de Grabeley, Lincoln Dioc. per resignationem Dom. Thomæ London, ultimi Rectoris ejusdem in manibus Episc. fact. et per ipsum admissam vacant, ad eundem admissus apud London, 16 die Novembris, Anno Dom. 1439, et Rector Instituitis.*

*Rogerus Megur Clericus presentatus per Thomam Palmer et Christianam uxorem suam, et Thomam Brocket et Elizabetham uxorem ejusdem, ad Ecclesiam Parochialem de Grabeley Lincoln, Dioc. per Resignationem, Will. Sely, ultimi Rectoris ejusdem in manibus, Episc. factum, et per eum admissam vocationem ad eandem fuit admissus apud London, 8 Novembris, Anno Dom. 1441. et Rector instituitis Canonice in eadem nulla inquisitione. Et juran Canonice Obedientia, Scriptur. fuit Archidiaconi Hun. vel ejus Official. ad inducend. eundem, &c.*

By these Entries, it seems to me that *Thomas Brocket*, in Right of *Elizabeth* his Wife, presented *William Seely*, because they are named before *Thomas Palmer*, and *Christian* his Wife, which shews it was their Turn to present, and that *Thomas Palmer*, in Right of *Christian* his Wife, presented *Roger Megur* in the next Course, for that their Names are placed before *Thomas Brocket* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, which was in those Days, the Usage in Cases of this Nature, and the like Order was not only observed here, but also between the joynt Lords of the Mannor of *Albury*, when they held Courts for that Mannor in their Turns, to which I refer the Reader: And the Patrons presented joyntly after this Manner in their Turns, as appears by the following Account, taken from the Register in the Church of *Lincoln*; and these Churches have been rated together in the King's Books, at the yearly Value of 12l. 8d. but since the Reformation every Rector read Prayers, and preached at the one Church in the Forenoon, and the other in the Afternoon, which Course was duly observed.

#### RECTORS of the Church of *Grabeley*.

*Thomas London.*

1439 *William Sely.*

#### RECTORS of the Churches of *Grabeley* and *Chisfield*; After the Union, Anno Christi 1445, 23 H. VI.

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| 1445 <i>William Sely</i> , presented by <i>Thomas Brocket</i> and <i>Elizabeth</i> his Wife, and <i>Thomas Palmer</i> and <i>Christian</i> his wife. | 1482 <i>John Ardesley</i> presented by <i>Edward Brocket</i> , Esq. to both Churches.                        |
| 1448 <i>Roger Megur</i> presented by <i>Thomas Palmer</i> and <i>Christian</i> his Wife, and <i>Thomas Brocket</i> and <i>Elizabeth</i> his Wife.    | <i>Thomas Thorley</i> . presented by                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                      | 1546 <i>Richard Bedel</i> , Clerk, presented by <i>John Brocket</i> , Esq. Lord of the Mannor of <i>Alm-</i> |

- shot, to both Churches, on the Death of *Thomas Thorley*.
- 1555 *John Howes*, presented by
- 1572 *Benedict Quarles* presented by *John Brocket*, Esq. to the Rectory of *Gravelly cum Chibesfield*, vacant by the Death of *John Howes*.
- 1596 *Benedict Quarles*, presented by Queen *Elizabeth* upon the Lapse.
- 1605 *John Layfield*, D.D. presented by King *James I.* by Reason
- of the Minority of *John Carleton*, his Ward and Pupil.
- Thomas Rooks*
- 1613 *Edmond Brocket*  
*Zachary Crafton*  
*Andrew Cater*
- 1662 *Philip Osbaldston*, presented to both Churches by Sir *Brocket Spencer*, Baronet, vacant by Cession.
- 1697 *John Bower*, presented to both Churches by Sir *John Spencer*, Baronet, on the Death of *Philip Osbaldston*.

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Badrwater  
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The Church of *Gravelly*, is situated in a Bottom near the Vill, the Body thereof is covered with Lead, there is a fair Chancel at the East End covered with Tyle, and a square Tower is annexed to the West End thereof, in which hang four small Bells, 'tis covered with Lead, and a short Spire upon it.

In the Church lies a Stone with this Inscription engraven'd upon it.

——— *Pecuit Uxori sui amoris et Officii erga Benedictus Quarles, quæ decessit 4^{to} die Junii, Anno Dom. 1587.*

Mortalis Winefrida prius nunc civis Olympi

Quam tibi felici conditione manes

Peccatam mortem vicisti sub duce Christo

In calis Christo fratre fruere tuo.

Eternum valens conjux carosque teneto

Velle mecum tecum est det mihi velle Deus.

RECTORS of the Church of *Chibesfield*.

- John Stylesham*.
- 1323 *John Wykins*, Parson of *Newtonham*, presented by *Hugh* the Son of *Simon* to this Church, vacant by the Death of *John de Stylesham*.
- Ade atte Varo*
- 1377 *Robert Shorthale*, presented by *John de Waltero*, Teacher of *Waltham*, and *Ralph Melchburne*, to this Church, vacant by the Resignation of *Ade atte Varo*.
- 1382 *Richard Wryng* presented by *Nicholas* Son of *Simon*, to the Church of *Chibesfield*, vacant
- by the Death of *Robert Shorthale*.
- John Killkap*
- 1410 *Henry Trowel*, presented by *William Ash* and *John Molesey*, to the Church of *Chibesfield*, vacant by the Death of *John Killkap*.
- 1432 *Roger Megur*, presented by *Thomas Brocket* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *John Molesey* and *Christian* his Wife, to this Church, by the Resignation of *Henry Trowel*.
- 1439 *William Sely*, presented

As for the succeeding Rectors I refer the Reader to those of *Gravelly*.

On *Chibes Hill* stands an antient small Church or Chappel, with a Chancel adjoining to the same, both which are covered with Tyles, there is a small Chappel adjoining to the South Side of the Chancel, which belongs wholly to the Lord of *Chibesfield*, and two very small Bells hang in the Roof of the West End of the Church, whereof one is broke.

In the Chancel there is not any thing remarkable, for the Windows were defac'd in the late late time of Rebellion, Anno 1642, but in the North Window, there are the Figures of some Bishops, one supposed to be St. *Edmond*, in his Habit, with a Crosier in his Hand, another is thought to be St. *Thomas* of *Canterbury*, in his Archiepiscopal Habit, with his Crosier in his Hand; and at the East End thereof are the Figures of several other Bishops and holy Men now defaced.

In the Passage or Arch between the Chancel or Chapel is a Tomb raised about two Foot high, wherein some suppose that the Founder of the Church may lie; and in the Chapel did lye the Body of Sir *Francis Throck-*

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morton, of *Great Coughton* in the County of *Warwick*, Bar. who dyed the — day of *November*, 1680, which Chapel is adorned with his Banner and Banrol, and other Ensigns belonging to his Degree; but his eldest Son Sir *Robert* lately removed his Body from hence to the ancient Burying Place of his Ancestors at *Coughton* in *Warwickshire*.

In the upper Window on the North Side of the Church, more Pictures appear defaced, whereof remains a Bishop in his Habit, with a Crosier Staff. Near it is a Coat of Arms, *Gules, three cover Cups Argent*.

In the West Window is a Coat of Arms, *Azure ten Flower de Lucees, Or*.

Each Church has always two distinct Church-wardens, and the Parishoners of either Parish pay their respective Duties, and repair their several and respective Churches to which they particularly belong; and the Incumbent payes Duties to the Archdeacon for two distinct Livings, because the Archdeacon did agree with the Bishop to unite them; but the Parishoners of the several Parishes pay all Rates and Taxes to the King and the Poor, joynly together, and the Officers are called Officers of *Gravelly cum Chisfield*.

BENEFACTORS.

Mrs. *Mary Clerk*, the Widow of *William Clerk*, Esq. gave a green Carpet and a Damask Cloath, for the Communion Table at *Chisfield*.

Edmond Jordan of *Chisfield*, Yeoman, Anno 1636, by his Will gave 4s. a Year unto the poor People of *Gravelly* and *Chisfield*, issuing out of an Acre of Meadow, lying in *Span Vally Bottom*, to be paid to the Minister and Church-wardens of the said Parishes.

BOX, BOXBURY.

WHEN *William* the Conqueror had subdued this Realm, he gave this Mannor of *Box* to *William* Earl of *Glouc*, Son of *Robert de Buco*, who was one of his chief Counsellours before the time of his Conquest: for it is recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of *Terra Willielmi de Ow*.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 26.

In Box tenet Petrus de Will. de Ow li hid. et tres virgat. Terra est quinque car. in Dominio sunt duo et tertia potest fieri ibi duo Vill. cum quatuor bordis habentibus duo car. ibi tres coter. et tres Servi, nemus ad sepes, in totis valent valet l sol. quando recepit xxx sol. tempore Regis Edwardi lx sol. hanc terram tenuit Alwardus homo Alestan de Boscombe, non potuit vendere præter tres virgat.

Peter held of *William de Ow* two hides and three Virgates in *Box*. The arrable is five Carucates, in Demeasne are two, and a third may be made, there are two Villains, with four Bordars, having two Carucates, there are three Cottagers and three Servants, Wood for Hedges; in the whole Value it is worth fifty Shillings a Year, when he received it thirty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) sixty Shillings, *Alward* a Man under the Protection of *Alestan de Boscombe* held this Land, he could not sell above three Virgates.

This was a Vill or Parish, which was so situated between the Parishes of *Strebenedge*, *Chisfield*, and *Walfarne*; there was anciently a Church to the same, which was erected in a Field on the Hill near the Woods, now called the Church-yard, where the Foundations may be seen; and this Parish was called *Box* from a great Wood, which retains this Name at this Day.

This Mannor continued in this Family, as *Clothel* did, till about the 20 *Hen. I.* when, I suppose, it came to the Crown, where it remained until King *Hen. III.* granted it to *William de Valence*, Earl of *Pembroke*, his half Brother;

he had Issue *John* who dyed young, *William* slain in a Skirmish with the *Welch*, in the Life-time of his Father, and *Amyer* Earl of *Hembrook*, *Anne* married to *Maurice Fitzgerald*, next to *Hugh de Balioll* by whom she had Issue *Alexander*, afterwards to *John de Sueins*, *Isabel* to *John de Hastings* of *Bergatennap*, and *Jone* to *John Comyn* of *Madernach*; but *Amyer* the third Son dying without Issue, his Sisters were his Heirs, among whom this Mannor was allotted to *Anne* the eldest Sister, who had Issue *Alexander*, to whom it came in Right of his Mother, for Anno 6 *Edw. I.* this *Alexander de Baliol* claimed in this Mannor, which his Mother held in Purparty of the Inheritance, which was *Peter de Valoines*, by the Grant of King *Hen. I.* Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangthef, &c. and upon the View of the Deed, and the Confirmation of King *Hen. II.* to *Robert de Valoines*, Brother to *Peter*, all the Fee and Land, View of Franc-pledge, Correction of the Assize of Bread and Ale, and Tumbrel, &c. in his Mannors of *Wenington*, *Whetton*, *Box*, and *Croftbery* were allowed.

The Master of the Knights Templers in England claimed by the Grant of *Hen. III.* divers very large Priviledges, with Exemption from all secular Services, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangeneth, Outfangeneth, Hamsocne, &c. discharged from all Affairs in all Places, and Causes, &c. from Toll, &c. and from all secular Service and Custom, in as ample Manner as kingly Power can grant to any religious House, and Free-warren in *Binesle*, *Stagenho*, *Breston*, *Cherlton*, *Whalden*, *Piche*, *Chelcs*, *Sebecamp*, and *Weningsho*.

These Knights Templers, and after them the Knights Hospitallers, held this Mannor of *Chelcs*, so termed from a Chil, a cold Place, till the time of the Dissolution of Monasteries, when it came to the Crown, and then King *H. VIII.* granted this *Chelcs*, being the Moyety hereof, containing about 410 Acres, to *John Norris*, who sometime after sold it to Sir *Philip Boteler*, he held it of the Mannor of *Wenington* by the yearly Rent of 13s. 4d. Suit of Court and Knight's Service, viz. Homage, Fealty, and Scutage, whereof the Lord of *Wenington* pays 13s. to the Mannor of *Popsthat*, of whom you may read in the Parish of *Whetton*, and that he dyed leaving Issue

Robert, who was possess of this Moyety in the time of King *James*, and had Issue

Jane, his sole Daughter and Heir, to whom it came by Right of Inheritance; she married *John Bellasis*, Esq. the second Son of *Thomas* Viscount *fauconbridge*, of whom you may read in the Parish of *Saromb*, and he granted it to

Sir *John Gore* of *Saromb*, Kt. and to his Heirs; He enjoy'd it until the Year 1686, or thereabouts, and then he conveyed it to *Thomas Ashby*, Merchant and Citizen in *London*, who is the present Possessor hereof.

Head. of
Wendebate

Quo Warr. 6
Ed. I. Rot. 37.
cur. receipt in
Scac.

Cur. Rot.
Man. de Ben-
ington, 4 J. I.

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As to the other Moyety of this Mannor, and Tythes of Woburn, King H.VIII. granted them by Letters Patents to *George Clerk* of Wenington, Gent. which he held a short time, and then devised the same by his Will dated the 8th of October, 3 & 4 P. & M. to *William* his Son, and the Heirs Males of his Body lawfully begotten, and for Want of such Issue, the Remainder to his Son *Thomas*, and the Heirs Males of his Body, lawfully begotten, and for Want of such Issue, the Remainder to his Son *George*, and the Heirs Males of his Body lawfully begotten, and for Want of such Issue, the Remainder to his right Heirs for ever, under the Conditions and Payments therein limited, and appointed, that after his Decease, this Moyety should go to

William, according to the Will, and from him it passed in such Manner as the Mannors of *Crabelep* and *Chisfield*, until it came to the Daughter and Coheirs of *William Clerk*, and upon the Division of the whole Estate among the said Coheirs, this Part of the Mannor and Tythes fell to *Jane* the second Daughter, who married *William Capell*, Esq. as I have shewed in the Parishes of *Chisfield* and *Crabelep*.

WESTON.

WHEN that memorable Record of *Domesdei* was made, *William* the Conqueror held a Part of this Vill, which was called *Weston*, in Regard of the opposite Scituation thereof to some other Towns there on the East: and he gave the other Part thereof to *William de Auco* for his good Service, for it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Regis*

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 3, nu. 1.*

In *Dimid. Hundred. de Ht.* Rex Willelmus tenet *Weston*, pro quinque hidis se defendebat. Terra est quatuordecem car. in dominio duo hid. et duo car. sunt ibi, et sexdecem Vill. cum tribus Bord. habentibus quinque car. et adhuc quinque possunt fieri, ibi quatuor Servi, pratum octem car. Pastura ad pecud. Vill. Silva quatuor centum Porc. et tres sol. Hoc Manerium tenuit Com. Heraldus, et jacuit et jacet in Ht. sed Wera hujus Manerii jacuit in *Bedfordshire*, tempore Regis Edwardi, in Hund. de *Marchene*, et ibi est Manerium et fuit semper, et post mortem Edwardi, non sed acquiritur de geldo Regis.

In the half Hundred of *Ht.* King *William* held *Weston*, it was rated for five Hides. The arrable is fourteen Carucates, in Demeasne two Hiden, and two Carucates are there, and sixteen Villains with three Bordars having five Carucates, and now five others may be made, there are four Servants, Meadow seven Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed four hundred Hogs, and three Shillings Rent. Earl *Harold* held this Mannor, and it did lye and doth lye in *Ht.* but the Ware of this Mannor lyes in *Bedfordshire* in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor,) in the Hundred of *Marchene*; and there is a Mannor now and was always, and after the death of King *Edward* (the Confessor) but he did not discharge it from the King's Tax.

Willelmus de Ow tenuit *Weston*, et x hidis se defendebat. Terra est xxiii car. in dominio v hidæ, et ibi sunt v car. et vi potest fieri, ibi xxxiii Vill. cum Presbyteris duobus, et uno Milite, et duo Francig. habentibus xvi car. et adhuc una potest fieri, ibi xv Bord et xii cotar et x Servi, et i molin. de x sol. pratum lli car. Pastura ad pec. Silva ccccc porc. De bosco et pas-

tura xlii sol. et quatuor denar. in totis valent. valet xx lib. quando recepit xxv lib. tempore Regis Edwardi xxx lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Alestannus Teignus Regis Edwardi.

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William de Owe held *Wheston*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is twenty three Carucates, in Demeasne five Hides, and there are five Carucates, and a sixth may be made, there are thirty three Villains with two Presbyters and one Knight, and two Frenchmen born, having sixteen Carucates, and now another may be made, there are fifteen Bordars and twelve Cotars, and ten Servants, and one Mill of ten Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow three Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed five hundred Hogs; of Wood and Pasture thirteen Shillings and four Pence Rent by the Year; in the whole Value it is worth twenty Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) thirty Pounds. *Alestan* a Thane of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Mannor.

Gilbert of Clare was Lord of this Mannor of *Wheston*, made Earl of *Hembroke*, Anno 1138, after which he gave this Church of *Wheston*, and Lands worth ten Pounds *per Annum*, within the Precinct of this Mannor, to the Knights Templers, whereon they built a Town called *Caudar*, since enriched by several Purchasers; divers Priviledges have been obtained from the King for them, all which were afterwards confirmed by *William Mareschal*, Earl of *Hembroke*, his hereditary Successor in his Lands and Honours.

*Ord. Fil. 917.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 2, fol.
524, nu 50.*

He married *Elizabeth* the Sister of *Waleran* Earl of *Meillant*, and dyed Anno 1148, 14 *Steph.* and was buried in the Abby of *Epnerne*, leaving Issue *Richard*, surnamed *Strongbow*, his Son and Heir, and *Baldwin* a younger Son, who fighting stoutly for King *Stephen*, in the Battle of *Lincolne*, 6 *Steph.* was taken Prisoner.

*W. Gemet,
312.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 725.
Ord. Fil. 922.*

King *H. II.* 16 *Regni sui*, deprived this Earl of all his paternal Estate, Anno 1170, 16 *Regni sui*, upon which he invaded *Ireland* with what Forces he could get together, won *Waterford* and *Dublin*, and sent certain Messengers from thence to King *Henry*, Anno 1171, 17 *H. II.* offering to him those Cities of *Dublin* and *Waterford*, and all those Castles which he was to have there, after the Death of *Dermotius* King of *Dublin*, whose Daughter he had married; this pleased the King so well that he restored to him all the Lands in *England* and *Normandy*, which he had taken from him, and freely granted that he should enjoy all those Lands in *Ireland*, which he had with his Wife, and constituted him Constable, which was chief Governour of that Realm. This moved King *Henry* to go into *Ireland*, which he subdued wholly without any considerable Resistance, tho' the Monk of *Jorrbaulx* gives another Relation hereof, that the King of *England* being much displeased that he should make this Attempt without his Consent or Knowledge, seized upon all his Patrimony here, prohibiting all further Aid, and threatning him with great Menaces, compelled him to grant him *Dublin*, and all the principle Places that he had won, and to content himself with the

*Dugd. Hm.
vol. 1, fol 208.*

*Jorrbaulx,
1069.*

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Rest, and his Patrimony in England, and soon after raising an Army sailed thither himself.

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 210.*

When the King had obtained Ireland, he made this Earl Justice of that Realm, and soon after he dyed untimely upon the Nones of April, 1176, 22 H. II. and was buried in the Chapter-house at Gloucester, where this Inscription was engraved on the Wall;—*Hic jacet Richardus Strongbow, Filius Gilberti Comitis de Pembroke.* And he left Issue

Ibid. fol. 600.

Isabel who was his Daughter and Heir, and married Richard Earl of Strigul, in Right of his Wife, of whom he became Earl of Clare, and being thus advanced to this Honour; he bore the royal Scepter of Gold, with the Cross on the Head of it, at the solemn Coronation of R. I. He was constituted Sheriff of Lincolnshire, Anno 2 R. I. and continued in that Employment till 6 R. I. inclusive, in which Year he was made Sheriff of Sussex, which Office he held during the whole Reign of King Richard. In 1 Johannis, that King sent him out of Normandy into England, with Hubert Archbishop of Canterbury, to keep all in Peace here till he came over; whereupon they appointed those of the Nobility and others, of whom they most doubted, to meet at Northampton, and to take their Oaths of Fidelity to King John, and the same Year he was appointed Sheriff of Gloucestershire, and again of Sussex. He proved very loyal and faithful to that King during all the time of his Reign, and being a Person of great Power and Prudence, he convened many of the Earls and Barons together, and setting young Henry among them, said, *Behold your King*, whereupon they appointed a Day for his Coronation; he was the chief Agent that set the Crown upon his Head, and the Rest of the Nobility constituted him Protector during the King's Minority. And he immediately raised a powerful Army, fought Prince Lewis at Lincoln, where he utterly vanquished him, so that he returned home to France.

*Rot. Pip. de
eisdem annis
Lincolne.
Rot. Pip. de
eisdem annis
Sussex.*

*M. Paris, 196.
R. Hoved.
450.*

M. Paris, 269.

*Rot. Pip. de
eisdem annis
Essex & Hert.*

He was constituted Sheriff for this County and Essex, Anno 1218, 2 H. III. executed the Office for three Parts of that Year, and for Half the second Year, during which time he did many Works of Piety, among which he granted divers Liberties and Priviledges to the Borough of Baudat formerly given to the *Knights Templers* by his noble Ancestor *Gilbert Strongbow*, sometime Earl of Pembroke; and also gave unto them the Mill *Radwelleshebed*, with two Husbandmen in that Town, and then died at Cabersham, 1219, 3 H. III. and his Body was buried in the *New Temple*.

*Weav. Mon.
p. 442.*

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 602.*

This great Earl left five Sons, *William, Richard, Gilbert, Walter, and Anselme*; they succeeded one after another in his Honours and Lands, all of them died without Issue; and five Daughters, *Maud* married to *Hugh Bigot*, Earl of

Dorfolk, and afterwards to *John de Waren*, Earl of *Surrey*; *Joan* to *Warine de Monchensy*; *Isabel*, first to *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester*, and afterwards to *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*; *Sibill* to *William de Ferrers*, Earl of *Derby*; and *Eve* to *William de Braheuse*.

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William, the eldest Son, who succeeded his Father. In 8 H. III. he was made Governor of the Castles of *Cardigan* and *Cardmarthen*; and having married *Alianore*, the Sister of King H. III. he died without Issue, Anno 1231, 15 H. III. and was buried in the *New Temple*.

M. Paris, fol.
317.

Weav. Mon.
p. 442.

Richard Mareschal his next Brother, returning into *England* about the Month of *August* following, repaired to the King then in *Wales*, and presenting himself to him as Heir to his deceased Brother, offered to perform his Homage, and whatsoever else could justly be required of him for that Inheritance; but the King, upon the Suggestion of *Hubert de Burgh* refused to Grant him Livery. This caused him to return into *Wales*, enter upon the Castle of *Pembroke*, with the whole Honor thereunto belonging, and to raise all the Power he could, resolving to get his Inheritance by Force if he could not obtain it otherwise; upon which the King, fearing a Disturbance, accepted his Homage and Fealty, and restored to him all his Rights.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 369.

But afterwards the King was so exasperated against him, that he caused his Houses and Lands to be wasted, his Castles to be besieged; and the Bishop of *Winchester*, who bore the great sway at that time at Court, sent Letters to *Maurice*, Chief Justice of *Ireland*, and other his seeming Friends there, that if they should take him when he should come into *Ireland*, the King would bestow all his Lands in that Realm among them, and sent them a Patent under the great Seal to that purpose, whereupon they encouraged with these fair Promises, enter'd upon his Lands and Castles there with a military Power: This Earl upon Notice of it hasted thither, raised what Force he could, laid Siege to *Limerick*, which yielded to him in four Days, took divers Castles, none daring to make Head against him; but those great Men endeavouring to effect by Policy what they could not obtain by Strength, desired a Truce with him; they corrupting several of his Party: in the mean time discovering that he was betray'd, then declared that he would rather die with Honour than quit the Field, put his Men in order, boldly charging into the midst of his Enemies, but some of his own Party perfidiously deserting, and others submitting to the adverse Party, till he was almost left alone, then oppress with Numbers on every side, his Horse kill'd under him, and he stab'd in the Back, was carried Prisoner to his own Castle; where he

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not minding his Wounds, fell into a high Fever, and through the Anguish thereof died upon the sixteenth of the Calends of *May*, and was buried according to his Desire in the Oratory of the *Friars Minors* at *Bilkenny*, where a noble Monument was afterwards erected to his Memory.

But soon after the King seeing his Errour, removed those Aliens from his Court and Council, received to Favour all those Noblemen who had assisted this Earl, and restored his whole Inheritance to

Gilbert Mareschal his Brother, who married *Margaret* the Sister of the King of *Scotland*, Anno 1235, 19 *Hen.* III. with whom he had above ten thousand Marks for her Portion, besides a noble Dowry in *Scotland*, and after her Decease he espoused *Maud de Lanvaley*, without the King's License, for which his Lands were seized. He was at a Turnament held Anno 1241, 25 *Hen.* III. at *Warr* near *Bertford*, mounted upon a lusty Italian Horse with whose Qualities he being not acquainted, first curb'd him, and then gave him the Spur, the Horse furiously mounting, broke both the Reins of his Bridle, and cast him out of the Saddle; whereupon hanging in one of the Stirrups he was so drag'd about, trodden upon, and bruised, as that he died the same Evening, the 5th of the Calends of *July*, in the Priory of *Bertford*, without Issue, and the next Day was carried to the *New Temple* in *London* where he was interr'd.

*Rot. Fin. 14
H. III.
Matt. Paris,
fol. 565.*

*Weav. Mon.
fol. 443.*

The King granted Livery of this Earldom and Marshal's Office, and of all those Lands which were of the Dowry of *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter of *Robert de Quincy*, Widow of *John* Earl of *Lincolne*, and Constable of *Chesire* her late Husband, to *Walter* his Brother, through the Intercession of the Queen, the Bishop of *Durham*, and some other noble Persons, on the Sunday preceding the Feast of *All-Saints*, reserving to himself two of his Castles in *Wales*, *Cardigan* and *Carmarthen*, and in 27 *Hen.* III. he paid a Relief to the King for those Lands which *Hawise de Quincy*, Mother of the said *Margaret* held in *Capite* and he died, Anno 1246, 30 *H.* III. 8th of the Calends of *December*, at the Castle of *Goderich*.

Anselme his Brother and Heir succeeded, but shortly after died at *Strigull*, upon the Nones of *December*; He was a Youth of singular Comeliness, and great Hopes, being the last of the five Sons of the renowned *William Mareschal*, late Earl of *Pembroke*, of whom their Mother, as 'tis said, prophetically foretold their Deaths in this Sort, and both of them were buried at *Canterbury*, not far from *Strigull*, among divers of their noble Ancestors.

Upon the Division of the Estate of these great Earls,

this Mannor of ~~Wotton~~ fell to the Part of *Maud* the eldest Sister, who married *Hugh Bigot*, Earl of ~~Northfolk~~, by whom he had Issue, *Roger* and *Hugh*, and died Anno 1225, 9 H. III. leaving

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vol. 1, fol. 133.

Roger his Son and Heir, who obtained the Office and Honour of Marshal, Anno 1245, 29 H. III. in Right of *Maud*, his Mother, eldest Daughter to *Walter Mareschal*, Earl of ~~Pembroke~~; and the King solemnly gave the Marshal's Rod into her Hands, Anno 32 H. III. in Regard of her Seniority in the Inheritance of *Walter Mareschal* her Father, which she thereupon deliver'd unto this Earl *Roger* her Son and Heir, whose Homage the King received for the same, commanding the Treasurer and Barons of his *Exchequer*, by his Precept, that he should thenceforth enjoy whatsoever belonged to that Office, and to admit whomsoever he should assign and depute to sit for him in that Court, in Case he should be a fit Person for the same. This *Maud* afterwards married *John de Waren*, Earl of ~~Surry~~, died Anno 1248, 32 Hen. III. and was buried in the Abbey of ~~Chertsey~~ in ~~Wales~~; her four Sons, *Roger*, *Hugh*, *Ralph*, and *John* carrying her Body into the Quire. After the Battle of ~~Leves~~, where the King was taken Prisoner, Anno 1264, 49 H. III. the Barons constituted this Earl Governor of the Castle of ~~Orford~~ in ~~Suffolk~~, and he died Anno 1270, 54 H. III. without Issue. Then this Mannor came to the Possession of

Mon. Angl.
fol. 725.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 135.

Thomas Brotherton, fifth Son to King *Edw. I.* to whom King *Edw. II.* granted all the Honour which *Roger le Bigod*, sometime Earl of ~~Northfolk~~ and Marshal of England, enjoy'd; and he died Anno 12 *Edw. III.* leaving Issue by *Alice* his first Wife, Daughter to Sir *Roger Halys* of ~~Bar-~~
~~twich~~, Knight, two Daughters, *Margaret* and *Alice* his Heirs; the one married *John de Segrave*, afterwards Sir *Walter Manny*, Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter; the other to *Edward de Montacute*; both whom did their Homage, Anno 23 *Edw. III.* and had Livery of all their Lands which their Wives had in ~~Ireland~~; This *Thomas Brotherton* their Father left

Ibid. vol. 2,
fol. 63.

Mary his second Wife, the Daughter of *William Lord Roos*, and Widow of *William Lord Braose* of ~~Brembre~~, who had an Assignment of this Mannor, among divers others, for her Dowry: She married Sir *Ralph Cobham*, and died Anno 36 *Edw. III.* and upon her Death this Mannor was assigned for the Purparty of

Exc. 36 Ed.
III.

Margaret, then the Wife of *Walter Manny*, and she claimed the Office of Marshal of England, and to execute the same by her Deputy at the Coronation of *Richard II.* with the Fees; but *Henry Percy* performed that Service,

Claus. 1 R. II.

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because her Claim could not be determined in so short a time, and she was advanced *Anno* 21 *Rich. II.* to the Title of Dutches of *Hertford* for Life, and had forty Marks *per Ann.* allowed her out of the Profits of that County, but she died the next Year, and was buried in the Church of the *Fryers Minors* in *London*; Afterwards this Mannor came to the Possession of

Thomas Barrington, Esq. from whom it was conveyed in such Form as the Mannor of *Chisfield*, to which I refer the Reader, till it came to

John Barrington, Esq. who was his lawful Descendant, and sold it to

*Weav. Mon.
p. 512.*

King Henry VIII. who in a short Space after granted it to *Sir William Parre*, Kt. Lord *Parre* of *Hendal*, who held it till the 18th of *August*, *March* 1, when he was attainted of High Treason; from which time it was conveyed by the same Grants, with the Mannors of *Benington*, *Argentine*, *Monden Parba*, *Monden Magna*, *Sabridgeworth*, *Hugate Street*, *Sayespark*, and the Advowson and Right of Patronage of *Benington*, *Monden Parba*, *Monden Magna*, until it came again to the Crown, then Queen *Elizabeth* granted it to

John Puckering of *Lincoln-Inn*, Esq. who was one of the Governours there, *Anno* 18 *Eliz.* read in that Society on the *Quadragesime*, in the Year 1577, 19 *Eliz.* was called by Writ to the State and Degree of a Sergeant at Law, 1580, 22 *Eliz.* was made the Queen's Serjeant and received the Honour of Knighthood, 1588, 30 *Eliz.* the Custody of the Broad Seal was committed to his Charge, 1592, 34 *Eliz.* and he died within four Years after, leaving

Thomas Puckering, who was created Baronet by Patent, dated the 25th of *Novemb.* 1612, 10 *Ja. I.* he left Issue only one Daughter, to whom this Mannor descended, and she dying without Issue, it came to

Sir Henry Newton alias *Puckering* the Son and Heir of the only Sister of *Sir Thomas Puckering*, who was very loyal to King *Charles I.* and sold this Mannor to

John Hale of *Stagenhoe*, Esq. about the Year 1654, who was knighted at the Entertainment which *Sir Harbottle Grimston*, Baronet, Speaker of the House of Commons, gave to the King at his House in *Lincoln-Inn-Fields* the 25th of *June*, 1660. He married *Rose* the Daughter of Colonel *Beale*, by whom he had Issue *Rose*, and he died on the 22nd of *January*, in the Year 1672, and was buried among his Ancestors in the Chancel at *King's Walden*.

Rose Hale was his Daughter and Heir, married to *Sir John Austen*, the Son and Heir of *Sir Robert Austen* of *Bexley* in the County of *Kent*, who was created Baronet by

Patent, dated *July 10, 1660, 12 Car. II.* and is the present Lord hereof.

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The Mannor of LANNOCK

WAS in old time Parcel of the Mannor of ~~W~~eston, and *William Mareschal* Earl of ~~H~~embroke, and then Lord of that Mannor, gave this with ~~B~~audar in the time of King *Henry I.* to the *Knights Templers*; upon their Dissolution it came to

The *Knights Hospitallers*, where it continued until the Dissolution of that Order, when it came to the Crown, from whence it was granted to

John Dormer, who levied a Fine in *Michaslmas Term, 6 Edw. VI.* of this Mannor, Messuages, and certain Lands in ~~W~~eston, to the Rectory and Advowson of the Church of ~~W~~eston to the Use of himself, *John Dormer*, and his Heirs; from whom it was conveyed to

*Fin. levat.
Mic. 6 Ed. VI.
Rot. 200, cur.
recept. Scac.*

John Spurling, who afterwards sold it to

Dionise, the Daughter of *Richard Hale* of ~~K~~ings ~~W~~al-
den in this County, Esq. and the Relict of Sir *Thomas
Williamson* of ~~L~~odden in the County of ~~N~~orfolk, Kt. but
she dying without Issue, it descended to

William Hale, Esq. who was her Nephew and Heir;
and he died seized hereof, leaving Issue

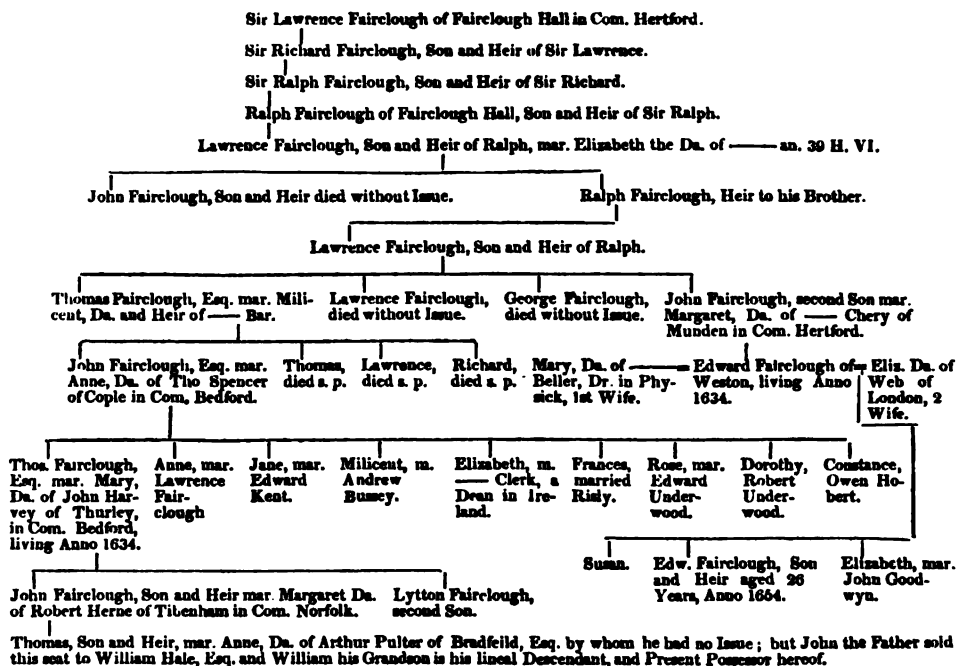
Richard Hale who succeeded him, and married *Eliza-
beth* the Daughter of *Isaac Minnell*, Alderm n of ~~L~~ondon,
by whom he had Issue *William* and *Mary*: He died the 13th
of *April, Anno 1689*, leaving *William*, who is his Heir,
within Age, and is the present Lord hereof

The Mannor of ARGENTINE

WAS Parcel of the Revenue of the *Argentines*, ancient
Lords of the Mannor of ~~W~~imondley, from whom it bor-
rowed this Name, and since it passed from that Family, it
has been conveyed from time to time with its neighbouring
Mannor of ~~W~~eston, till it came to Sir *John Austen*, the
present Lord hereof.

In this Town is an old Seat called ~~F~~airclough-Hall, from
the Owners thereof, who have this Pedigree,

And beareth, *Or, a Lion Rampant Sable armed and lan-
gued Gules between three Flower de Lucas Azure, by the
Name of Fairclough*



THE Parsonage is appropriated to the Use of this *William Hale*, who is Patron of this Church; and this Vicaridge, Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 10l. 6s. 8d. per Annum.

THE VICARS.

24 July 1611 Joh. Beesbrowne, Clerke, was buried here	<i>Symond Smeath</i> — <i>Hinds</i>
1611 <i>William Andrews</i>	1663 <i>Thomas Gregory</i>
1626 <i>Richard Pooley</i>	1667 <i>John Pyke</i> , the present Vicar.
1648 <i>Thomas Marshall</i>	

The Church is erected about the Middle of the Parish, in the Diocess of *Salbeck*, in the Bishoprick of *Lincoln*, after the Manner of a Cathedral, the Tower standing between the Church and the Chancel; In the Tower is a Ring of five Bells, with a Spire over it. In the Chancel is a fair Monument, which is made of black and mixt Marble, on the top whereof are three Coats of Arms. Under these are two naked Boys of white Marble, holding up an Earl's Coronet, and under one Boy is writ, *Vivit post*; under the other, *Funera Virtus*; down one Side the Figures of a Book, a Bill, a Coffin, and a Mattock; down the other Side, a Death's Head, Cross-Bones, an Hour Glass, a Cross Dart, a Book, a Spade, a Mattock; underneath the Monument, a Death's Head and Sheet; and upon the Table of the Black Marble, these Lines are writ in Gold.

*Epitaphium Charissimi Viri Johannis Fairclough de
 Fairclough-Hall, Armigeri
 Dignus eras meliore loco meliore Sepulchro
 Notueras Titulos Grande sonare tuos
 Hac tua Laus vixisse Deo Partisque tuisque
 Atque ita supremum claudere posse diem
 Felicem vitam felicia funera ducis
 Lector, cui dulce est vivere, dulce mori.*

Talis Vir iste ad omnia quæ bona essent, ortus ad meliora moriturus, cujus constans in Domino, peritus in Fide, Amicis prestanda spectata semper integritas in omnibus Actionibus sine acerbitate gravitas. in Eleemosinis egenis conferendis prompta semper Liberalitas erga suos pa—Comitatus benevolentia; in omnes equitas Charu imprimis Deo grata hominibus; Immortalem Nominis ipsius in laudem pararunt et sic plenus annis ultimo die Decembris Anno. Salutis humanæ 1630. Etatis suæ 86. ex hac peritura ad perennem vitam (multùm deploratus) emigravit. Cum ex Charissima Selectissimæque Uxor, tam Virtute quam genere, Clarissima D. Anna Spencer Filia Thomæ Spencer de Cophull in Com' Berf. Armig. filios duos undecimq; filias suscepisset Primogenitus ejus Thomas D. Mariam Harvey, Johannis Harvey de Churleigh in Com' predict' Armig. filiam uxorem cepit, duo ex ea filios, viz. Johannem et Littonam adhuc superstites, unamque filiam defunctam suscepit. Natus Major Johannes D. Margaritam Herne, Roberti Herne de Gebinham in Com' Norfal. Gen' filiam uxorem duxit.

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BAUDAC, BAUDOCHE, BALDOK.

GILBERT Earl of Pembroke, Lord of the Mannor of **Wexston**, about the 4th or 5th Year of the Reign of King **Stephen**, gave to the Knights Templers a Parcel of Land lying in the Champion within the Precincts of that Mannor, containing about 120 Acres, of the yearly Value of 10l. whereon they built a Town called **Baudar**, and he gave ten Marks to the Church; they improved the Town by several Purchases, and obtained divers Priviledges from the King, all which were afterwards confirmed by **William Mareschal**, Earl of Pembroke, his Hereditary Successor in his Lands and Honours.

*Monast. vol. 2.
fol. 524, 543.
Hic. vol. 1,
fol. 206.*


*Monast. vol. 3.
fol. 524, 530.*

About the Year of our Lord 1118, certain Gentlemen honoured with Knighthood, took upon themselves a religious Course of Life, under the Patriarch of Jerusalem, after the Rule of Canons Regular, and began this Order; **Hugh de Paganis** and **Godfrey de St. Audomare** were the first; they were valiant Men, but so poor that both of them had no more than one Horse to ride on; from hence the Figure of two Men riding on one Horse was engraved on their Seal, to put them in Mind of their primitive Poverty. **Baldwyn**, King of Jerusalem, assigned to them a Piece of Ground within his own Palace, on the South Part of the Temple of our Lord, for their Habitation, to which the Canons of the Temple added the adjacent Street, to erect Buildings necessary for their Use; the Patriarch, with the King, Nobles, and Prelates, allowing them Lands for their Support in Food and Rayment.

*Dugd Survey
of Warwicks.
fol. 704.*

They first undertook to defend Pilgrims from Spoil and Robbery by Thieves in their Passage to and from Jerusalem, upon which their Order was ordained in the Council of **Treves**; and Pope **Honorius** gave them a white Habit, after which their Estates greatly encreased, and they multiplied very much in the time of Pope **Eugenius**; they sowed

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Beateater*



Crosses made of red Cloth upon the left Shoulder of their Mantles, to distinguish them from other religious Persons, and that triumphal Sign encouraged and animated them instead of a Buckler, to defend their Religion against all Infidels: They were originally called Knights Templers, from their Residence in certain Rooms adjoining to that Temple which was built by King *Solomon*. They wore linnen Coifs on their Heads like Serjeants at Law, for their Habit; and red Caps close over them; Shirts of Mail, and Swords girded round their Bodies with broad Belts; and over these a white Cloak reaching to the Ground, with a red Cross on the left Shoulder, and they wore their Beards of a great Length.

*Stow's Survey
of London,
fol. 483.*

Jordan Briset, a wealthy and devout Man, founded in the Reign of *H. II.* an House near *Smithfield*, where these Knights first settled in England, from whom it was called *St. John's of Jerusalem*, and these by the Austerity of their Lives at first, obtained from a low Beginning vast Possessions; then this Order removed to *Holbourn*, where they remained a while; and in the time of *H. II.* built the Temple, and erected a Church in *Fleet-street*, according to the Form of the Temple of *Jerusalem*, dedicated to God and our blessed Lady by *Heraclius*, Patriarch of *Jerusalem*, An. 1185. Afterwards they obtained great Priviledges and vast Possessions in this Kingdom and elsewhere in Christendom; so that their Potency became a great Terrour to most Princes, which caused their Ruin; for at a general Council held at *Vienna* in *France*, in the Year 1311, under Pope *Clement V.* their whole Order was condemned, and their Possessions were seized into the King's Hands; but by a general Decree of the same Pope, dated at *Vienna*, the Nones of *May*, in the 7th Year of his Papacy, they were incorporated to the *Knights Hospitallers*, an Order instituted, or rather restored by one *Gerrard* a Nobleman, who visited the Sepulchre, and other holy Places about *Jerusalem*, out of an extraordinary Devotion, before the time of *Godfry of Bulloign*, Duke of *Lorrain*, when the Holy Land became famous by the Expedition of Christian Princes, and by the Assistance of divers zealous Gentlemen, who arrived there for the same Purpose, built the Hospital of *St. John* of *Jerusalem*, for a Relief and Harbour for the Christians, and placed a Rector or Governor to maintain good Order there: Afterwards Pope *Gelasius II.* allowed this Institution, and gave them for their Habit, a long Robe or Cloak, whereon a white Cross was fixt, containing eight Points, for an Ensign or Mark of their Purity, or of the eight Beatitudes, which they aspired by the Concession of Pope *Honorius II.* and were obliged by their Profession charitably to relieve all such as visited those holy Places; to guide them in the

Way, and to secure them against the *Arabians*, Infidels, and all other barbarous People, which Duty they did so worthily perform, by the Assistance of divers Princes, that few Conquerors have exceeded them in Worth or Valour. But after the Loss of all in *Palestine*, they took from the Pagans the Isle of *Rhodes*, which they held above 200 Years, during which time they changed their Names, and were called Knights of *Rhodes*: but when *Solyman*, the second Emperor of the *Turks*, by the Treachery of one of their own Citizens, after several Assaults made, had won that Island from them, *Charles V.* and Pope *Clement VII.* in Pity of their Loss, and for the Reward of their incomparable Valour, gave to them the Isle of *Malta*, where they have twice beaten the *Turk*, notwithstanding his Greatness, and continue there to this Day, from which Island they are now called, Knights of *Malta*.

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Strawwater

The *Knights Templers* complained, 8 *Joh.* that the Prior of *Roses Cross* took from their Men of *Walden* 87*s.* Rent, and other Customs granted by the Charter of the same King, upon which the Prior allowed the Stallage taken from their Men, &c.

Placit. Mich.
an. 8 Joh.
Rot. 12, in
recept. Scac.

But not to omit the special Privileges which they had in *Walden*, King *H. III. Anno 1 Regni sui*, granted to them and their Successors, that they should hold one Fair yearly in the Town of *Walden*, on the Feast of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, and to continue four Days following; and also one Market on Wednesday in every Week in the Year.


Monast. vol. 2,
fol. 552.

William Marshal Earl of *Hembroke*, *Anno 1201*, 2 *Joh.* confirmed to the *Knights Templers* the Grant of all the Privileges which *Earl Gilbert* his Predecessor and Ancestor had given them, among which they had Power to try by Ordale and by Battel.

Ordale came from a Saxon Word *Ordale*, which signified *Juditium magnum justum indifferens*; and the first Mention of it that I find, was at the Council of *Wentz*, afterwards at the Council of *Triers*, and it was introduced into this Nation about the time of King *Ina*, and inserted into the Laws of King *Athelstan*, tho' doubtless it was in Use before that time, and was of two Sorts, by Fire and by Water.

1 By Fire, when the Party accused did bear an hot Iron in his Hand, nine Foot from the Stake to the Mark, according to the Measure of his Foot who was to come to Judgment, or else walked barefooted and blindfolded between certain Ploughshares, red hot, placed at some Distance, according to the usual Manner. This Iron was sometime of one Pound Weight, which was single *Ordalium*, sometime of three Pound Weight, which was treble *Ordalium*; and whosoever walked between the said Ploughshares without

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Hurt of his Feet, was adjudged innocent, but if his Skin was scorched, he was forthwith condemn'd as guilty of the Trespass whereof he was accused, according to the Proportion and Quantity of the Burning.

The fiery Manner of Purgation belonged only to Noblemen and Women, and such as were free-born, and the Proceedings were after this Manner.

THE Accusation was lawfully made, and three Days spent in Fasting and Prayer, the Men who were to be tryed, were brought to the Church, and the Priest clad in all his holy Vestures, saving his Vestment, took the Iron laid before the Altar with a Pair of Tongs, and singing the Hymn of the three Children in Latin, *Benedicite omnia opera, &c.* O all ye Works of God the Lord, &c. carried it solemnly to the Fire, (where it was cast upon the Coals, and lay from the Beginning of the Benediction to the last Collect) saying these Words in Latin, over the Place where the Fire was kindled, whereby this Purgation was to be made, *Benedic Domine Deus, &c.* Bless thou O Lord this Place, that it may be to us Health, Holiness, Chastity, Virtue, Victory, Pureness, Humility, Goodness, Gentleness, and Fulness of the Law, Obedience to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: This Blessing be upon this Place and all that dwell therein.

Then followed the Blessing of the Fire.

Domine Deus Pater Omnipotens, &c. Lord God, Father Almighty, Light everlasting, hear us, since thou art the Maker of all Lights; Bless O Lord this Light that is already sanctified in thy Sight, which hast lightened all Men that come into the World, to the End, that by the same Light we may be lightened with the shining of thy Brightness. As thou didst lighten *Moses*, so now illuminate our Hearts and our Senses, that we may come to everlasting Life through Christ our Lord.

This ended, the Priest said the *Pater Noster*, after that, these Words in Latin, *Salvum fac, &c.* O Lord save thy Servant, &c. Send him Help from thy holy Place, &c. Defend him out of Sion, &c. The Lord hear, &c. The Lord be with you, &c.

The Prayer.

Benedic Domine, &c. Bless we beseech thee, O Lord holy Father, everlasting God, through the Invocation of thy most holy Name, by the coming of thy Son, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and to the Manifestation of thy true Judgment, that this Kind of Mettal being hallowed, and all fraudulent Practices of the Devil utterly removed, the manifest Truth of thy Judgment may be revealed by the same Lord Jesus, &c.

This done, the Iron was laid into the Fire, sprinkled with holy Water, and whilst it heated, the Priest said Mass, and did as Order required.

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Breadwater*

The Office of the Mass.

Justus es Domine, &c. Just art thou, O Lord, and righteous are thy Judgments, O deal with thy Servants according to thy great Mercy: Blessed are the unspotted in the Way.

The Prayer.

Absolve quæsimus Domine, &c. Pardon, we beseech thee, O Lord, the Sins of thy Servants, that being loosed from the Bond of their Iniquities, which they have contracted through their Infirmities, they may be cleared by thy preventing Justice according as they have deserved, and obtain a manifest Declaration of the Truth by Christ our Lord.

Then follows the Lesson taken out of *Leviticus*, Chap. xix. Ver. 10—14, beginning Ver. 10. *I am the Lord your God, &c.* The second Lesson taken out of the *Ephesians*, Chap. iv. Ver. 23—28.

Then followed these Responses.

Be favourable, O Lord, unto our Sins, lest the Heathen should say, Where is their God?

Help us, O Lord God of our Salvation, and deliver us, O Lord, for the Honour of thy Name.

Allelujah! God is a just Judge, strong and patient, he will not be angry for ever.

The Gospel is taken out of St. *Mark*, Ch. x Ver. 17—21.


Then the Priest called the Men to be purged; and abjured them after this Form.

Adjuro vos per Patrem, &c. I adjure you, by the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, and by the Christian Religion which ye profess, by the only begotten Son of God, the holy Trinity, the sacred Gospels, and all the holy Relicks which are in this Church, and by that Baptism wherewith the Priest did regenerate you, that you do in no Wise presume to communicate, or draw nigh to this Altar, if you have either committed, or consented to or do know who has committed this Fact.

If they say nothing, nor own any thing of it, then they make their Offerings, and the Priest proceedeth and saith,

Grant, O Lord, that the Intercession may reconcile these our Oblations to thy merciful Acceptance, and that thy gracious Indulgence, which thro' our Unworthiness we cannot hope for, we may obtain by their Prayers, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Benediction*



The Preface.

O Everlasting God, who dost not only pardon Sins, but also justify Sinners, who doth not only release the Punishment of the Guilty, but dost likewise highly and greatly reward them; We do most humbly beseech thee of thy Goodness, that thou wouldest not in this Trial judge these thy Servants of their former Offences, but that thou wouldest be pleased to manifest the Truth of this Accusation to the Spectators, that the People may therefore extol thy holy Name, and believe thee to be the only Giver of Life, as well in this World as in the World to come, through Christ our Lord.

The Benediction before the Trial

God of whom it is written, that thou art righteous, and that thy Judgments are true, deal with these thy Servants according to thy great Mercy, that they be not judged for their former Sins, but in this Trial, according as they have deserved, they may through thy preventing Benediction, obtain a Judgment of the Truth.

Thou who art just, and a Lover of Justice, in whose Presence is all Equity, grant that here in the Sight of thy People, the Enquiry after thy Truth, by the deceitful Contrivance of wicked Persons, may not be obscured. *Amen.*

We beseech thee favourably to receive our most humble Petitions, and mercifully to vouchsafe these thy Servants the Pardon of all their Sins past, and if they are guilty, let the Fulness of thy Benediction manifest the Truth of their Offence. *Amen.*

Then the Priest permits them to receive the Sacrament, and saith,

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto you for your Purgation this Day.

Just is the Lord, and loveth Righteousness, his Countenance doth behold the thing that is right.

After they have received the Sacrament, the Priest saith,

Grant, O Lord God, that we having now received thy holy Gift, may through this Partaking of this Sacrament, be henceforth purged from our Offences, and that in these thy Servants it may be of Force to declare the Sentence of Truth, through Christ our Lord.

Then follows *Kirieliison*, the Litany, and certain Psalms, and after them the Priest proceeds, saying, *Oremus*, Let us pray, &c.

Deus qui per Ignem, &c. O God, who in shewing great Tokens by Fire, didst deliver Abraham thy Servant, from the burning of the *Chaldees*, whilst others perished; O God,

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Brabant*



who suffer'd the Bush to burn in the Sight of *Moses*, and yet not to consume; O God, who delivered the three Children from bodily Harm in the Furnace of the *Chaldees*, while divers were consumed; O God, who by Fire, didst wrap the People of *Sodom* in their Destruction, and yet savedst *Lot* and his Daughters from Peril; O God, who, by the shining of thy Brightness at the coming of the holy Ghost in Likeness of Fire, didst separate the Faithful from such as believed not; shew unto us in the Trial of this our Wickedness, the Power of the same Spirit, &c. and by the Heat of this Fire discern the faithful from the unfaithful, that the guilty, whose Cause is now in Trial, by touching thereof, may tremble and fear, and his Hand be burn'd, or being innocent, that he may remain in Safety, &c. O God, from whom no Secrets are hidden, let thy Goodness answer to our Faith, and grant that whosoever in this Purgation shall touch and bear this Iron, may either be tryed as innocent, or revealed as an Offendor, &c.

After this the Priest sprinkled the Iron with Holy Water saying


The blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon this Iron to the Revelation of the just Judgment of God.

Then the Person accused bore it by the length of nine Foot; that done, his Hand was wrapped and sealed up for the space of three Days; after this if any corruption or raw Flesh appeared where the Iron touched it, he was condemned as Guilty: if it was whole and sound, he gave Thanks to God.

WATER ORDALE

Was appointed for Husbandmen and Villains; and was of two Sorts, either by hot Water, or cold Water. 1. Trial by hot Water, where the Person accused was required to put his Hand up to the Wrist into a Vessel of scalding Water, or his Arm up to the Elbow in a Chaldron of seething Water, from whence if he withdrew his Hand or his Arm without any Manner of Damage, he was adjudged Innocent; but if his Hand or Arm was scalded; he was then held guilty, and punisht for it. 2 Trial by cold Water was when the Party thought Guilty, was tumbled into some Pond or huge Vessel of cold Water, where if he continued for a Season without struggling for Life, he was presently acquitted as guiltless of the Fact whereof he was accused; but if he began once to plunge and labour for Breath immediately upon his falling into Liquor, he was condemn'd as guilty of the Crime, and receiv'd his Punishment for it.

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The Form of the Trial by Water was after this Manner.

When the Mass was done, the Priest shall make Holy Water, go to the Place where the Men are to be tried, and shall give of the Holy Water to them to drink, then he shall conjure the Water wherein they are to be put.

The Exorcism of the Water.

O God, who by the Substance of Water did assert thy Judgments by destroying thousands of People in the great Flood, and didst spare *Noah* thy Servant and his Family: Thou, O God, who didst drown the Armies of the *Egyptians* in the *Red Sea*, and at the same time didst lead the Children of *Israel* through the Sea without Fear; vouchsafe we beseech thee to pour down the Virtue of thy Blessing upon these Waters, and to manifest a new and wonderful Sign, that they may receive the Innocent according to their Nature, upon whose Trial we are to put them into the Waves and carry them down into the Deep; but repel and throw from them those, who are guilty of this Crime, nor suffer that Body to enter therein, which being void of the Weight of Goodness, is puft up with the vain Air of Iniquity, and that as they want the Weight of Virtue, they may not have the Weight of their natural Substance, in these Waters, through our Lord.

Another Form of Exorcism of the Water.

I adjure thee, O Creature of Water, in the Name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee in the Beginning, and charged thee to minister to Human Necessities, who also commanded that thou shouldest be separated from the Waters that were above; I adjure thee by the ineffable Name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, under whose Feet the Sea and the divided Element yielded itself to be trod upon: who also willed himself to be baptized in the same Element of Water; I adjure thee also by the Holy Ghost, who descended upon our Lord in his Baptism; I adjure thee by the sacred Name of the individual Godhead, at whose Will the Element of Water was divided, and the People of *Israel* passed over on dry Land, and which the Prophet *Elisha* did invoke, causing the Iron to swim thereby, when it was parted from the Handle of the Ax, that in no wise ye do receive these Men if they are any ways Guilty of this Fact whereof they are accused, either in Deed, or by Consent, or Knowledge thereof, but cause them to swim upon thee, and that no Imposture of the Enemy may effect any thing whereby it may be concealed; but we charge thee being adjured in the Name of Christ. that thou be obedient to us through his Name, whom every

Creature does serve, whom Cherubim and Seraphim do praise, saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, who reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Middlewater*

A third Form of adjuring the cold Water.

I adjure thee, O Creature of Water, in the Name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and by the dreadful Day of Judgment, by the twelve Apostles, and the seventy two Disciples, by the twelve Prophets, and the four and twenty Elders, who do perpetually praise the Lord, and by the hundred and forty four thousand which follow the Lamb, and by all the Troops of Holy Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Principalities and Powers, Cherubim and Seraphim, and by all the thousands of Holy Martyrs, Virgins, and Confessors: I adjure thee by the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the four Gospels and Evangelists, by the seventy two Books of the old and new Testament, and by all the Holy Writers and Teachers of them: I adjure thee by the holy Catholick Church, by the Communion of Saints and their Resurrection, that thou dost become exorcised Water, adjured and fortified against that Enemy of Man the Devil, and against the Man, who being seduced by him, hath committed this Fact, whereof we do now make this Enquiry, that by no Means, thou dost receive him, or suffer him to sink down in thee, but that thou do reject and put him from thee, nor suffer that Body to enter in, which is void and empty of Goodness, but that as it doth want the Weight of Virtue, so it may want the Weight of its natural Substance in thee; and that thou after the Manner of Water, receive those that are innocent of the alledged Crime, and draw them down into the Deep without any Hurt or Harm, through Christ our Lord.

After these Conjurations of the Water, the Men who were supposed to be guilty, putting off all their Garments, kissed the holy Gospel and the Cross, and the Priest sprinkling holy Water upon them all, and their Thumbs and their Toes tied together, were one after the other cast into the Water. Those who sunk, were judged innocent, but those who swam were deemed guilty; and all those who were present, were required to be fasting.

In the time of King *Athelstan*, a Law was made for the regulating of the Proceedings upon these Tryals by Fire and Water, after this Manner.

Concerning Ordale, we command in the Name of God, and by the Precepts of our Archbishops and Bishops, that no Man enter into the Church after the Fire is brought in, wherewith the Judgement is to be made hot, except the Priest, and he who is to undergo the Trial; and let there be

*Anglect.
Angla. Brit.
lib. 2, cap. 8.
Inter Leges
Athelstani, ca.
30.*

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measured nine Foot from the Stake unto the Mark, according to the Measure of his Foot, who is to come to Judgment.

And if the Trial be by Water, let it be made hot till it boil in a Vessel of Iron, Brass, Lead, or Clay; and if it be single, let his Hand be put therein, after a Stone or Stock, up to his Wrist; but if the Accusation be threefold, then to his Elbow. And when the Judgement shall be prepared, let two Men be brought in on each Side, to make Experiment, that it be as hot as is before exprest.

Let as many come in on each Side the Judgment along the Church; and let them be fasting and abstain from their Wives that Night, and the Priest shall sprinkle holy Water on them, and give them the Text of the holy Gospel to kiss, as also the Sign of the Cross. And no Man shall make the Fire any longer than whilst the Benediction beginneth; but shall cast the Iron upon the Coals unto the last Collect. Afterwards it shall be put upon the ——— without any more Words, then that they pray earnestly to God, that he will vouchsafe to manifest the Truth therein. Then shall the Person accused drink holy Water, and his Hand, wherewith he shall carry the Judgment, shall be sprinkled therewith, and so let him go, the nine Foot measured, being distinguished by three and three.

At the first Mark next to the Stake, he shall set his right Foot, and at the second his left Foot, and thence he shall remove his right Foot unto the third Mark, where he shall throw down the Iron, and hasten to the holy Altar; which done, his Hand shall be sealed up, and the third Day after viewed whether it be clean or unclean, where it was so sealed. And he who shall transgress these Laws, let the Ordale Judgment or Tryal be done upon him, that he pay 120 Shillings for a Fine or Mulet.

I find other Laws made touching Ordale, which the Reader may see recorded in the same King's Reign, and 'tis said that *Emma*, Mother to King *Edward* the Confessor, did undergo this Kind of fiery Trial, and that *Richard Haiward* suffered in the time of *H. II.* by the Judgement of Water; and it was used until the time of King *H. III.* who abolish'd it Anno 3 Regni sui, as appears by a Record set forth by Sir *William Dugdale* at large, in his *Origines Juridicales*, to which I refer the Reader.

*Origin. Jurid.
fol. 67.*

TRIAL BY BATTEL.

THESE Trials by Combat or Battel and by Ordale, came to us from the *Lombards*, who coming out of *Scandia* overran Europe, and 'tis thought that it was instituted by *Frotho III.* King of *Denmark*, at the time of the Birth of Christ, for he ordained that every Controversy should be determined by the Sword, and it continued in *Holsatia* until the time of

Christian, the third King of ~~Denmark~~, who began his Reign, 1535. And in Appeals, was after this Manner.

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A the Appellee with his left Hand took *B* the Appellant by his right Hand, and laid his own right Hand upon a Book, and said,

*Pult. de Pace
Regis, fol.
185, 186.*

Here you this, you Man, that call yourself *B*, that I Man who call myself *A*, such a Day and such a Year, did not kill *C* your Father, as you surmised, neither am I guilty of that Felony, So help me God: And kissing the Book saith, This will I defend against you by my Body, as this Court will award.

Then *B* the Appellant with his left Hand, takes *A* the Appellee by his right Hand, and laying his own right Hand upon the Book, saith,

Here you this, you Man who call yourself *A*, that you furiously in such a Day and such a Year, did kill *C* my Father, So help me God: And kissing the Book saith, This will I justify against you by my Body, as this Court will award.

Then the Court appoints them a Day to make their Combat, and the Appellee puts in Pledges to the Court to perform the Battel, and to defend himself; the Plaintiff puts in Pledges to deraign the Battle at the Day assigned; the Appellant shall go at Liberty, but the Appellee shall be kept in Prison at Ease, and have sufficient Meat and Drink.

The Marshal apparels the Appellant and Appellee, both alike at their own Costs, the Night before the Combat is appointed to be fought, that they may be in the Field the next Morning, ready to perform the Combat by the rising of the Sun; the Appellee's Head shall be poled, but not the Appellant's, and the Marshal brings them attired into the Field ready to perform the Battel before the Justices, who causeth Proclamation to be made when they be set, and the Appellant and the Appellee brought within the Lists, ready to achieve the Combat.

That none but the two Combatants shall be so hardy to stir, or make any Noise whatsoever he shall see and hear, whereby the Battle may be disturbed; and whosoever shall do any thing contrary to the Proclamation, shall be imprisoned for a Year and a Day.

When the Appellant and the Appellee are ready to join Battel, or in Battel, if the Appellant will confess his Appeal to be false, 'tis a sufficient Vanquishment, for by this Acknowledgement, he shall be adjudged to be overcome in the Field, and barred of his Appeal for ever; but if the Appellee confess himself in the Field to be vanquished, he shall be presently hanged. They fought with Weapons of

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small Length, bareheaded, having their Hands and Feet bare, with two Staves of one Length horned at both Ends, and either of them have a Scutcheon four cornered, without any Iron, for that one may not hurt the other with the Iron; and if the Appellee can defend himself, until the Stars may be seen in the Firmament, then he shall go quit from the Appellant.

It seems by Mr. *Glanvil*, that Tryal by Duel or Combat was much used for Tryal of Right before King *H. II.* instituted or revived the Way of Tryal by Grand Assize in Favour of Life; however this Tryal by Battel was not, nor yet is repeated in England.

*Dyer, 13 Eliz.
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In a Writ of Right, wherein *Chevin* demanded certain Lands against *Paramour*, *Termino Trin. 13 Eliz.* the Tenant chose Tryal by Battel, for whom *George Thorn* was Champion, and the Demandant elected *Henry Nailer*, a fencing Master for his Champion, and the Champions were mainprize, and sworn to perform the Battel at *Wotehl* Fields in *Westminster*, on *Monday* next after the Morrow of the Holy Trinity, which was the first Day of the *Utas* of the Term, and the same Day was given to the Parties, at which Day and Place a List was made in an even and plain Ground; their Squadrant, that is to say every Square consisted of sixty Foot East, West, North and South, and the Place or Court for the Justices of the *Common Bench* was made without; and upon the Lists furnisht with the same Cloath, which belonged to their Court in *Westminster-hall*, and a Bar was made there for the Serjeants at Law; and about the tenth Hour of the same Day, *Dyer*, *Weston*, and *Harper*, Justices of the Court of *Common Pleas*, (*Welshe* only absent by Reason of Sicknesse) appeared in their scarlet Robes, with their Appurtenances and their Coiffs, also the Serjeants in their Scarlet Robes; then Proclamations were solemnly made with three *O yes, &c.* that done, the Demandant was first solemnly demanded, and did not appear, whereupon the Mainprize of the Champion was demanded to bring forth the Champion of the Demandant, who came to the Place apparalled with red Sandells, upon his Back Armour, bare legged from the Knee downward, bare headed, and bare Arms to the Elbows, being brought in by the Hand of a Knight, *Sir Jerome Bowes*, who carried a red Baston of an Ell long, tipped with Horn, and a Yeoman; the Target made of double Leather; they were brought in at the North Side of the Lists, went about the Sides, and then came towards the Bar before the Justices, with three solemn Congies, and was made to stand there on the South Side of the Place, being the right Side of the Court; after that the other Champion was brought in like Manner at the South Side of the Lists, with like Congies by the Hand of Sir

Henry Cherry, Kt. and was placed on the North Side of the Bar, and two Serjeants being of Council of each Party in the Midst between them; this done, the Demandant was solemnly called again, and appeared not, but made Default; Serjeant *Barham* for the Tenant, prayed the Court to record the Nonsuit, *Quod factum fuit*. Then *Dyer*, Chief Justice, reciting the Writ and Count, and Issue join'd upon the Battel, and the Oath of the Champion to perform it, and the Prefixion of the Day and Place, gave Judgment against the Demandant, and that the Tenant should have the Land to him and his Heirs for ever.

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And the Demandant and his Pledges, *de proseguendo in Misericordia Reginae*, then solemn Proclamation was made, that the Champions and all other present there, who were above four thousand Persons by Estimation, might depart in the Peace of God and the Queen. *Et sic fecerunt magno clamore, vivat Regina*; and upon another Writ of Right in *Burham, Termino Michaelis, Anno 14 Car. I.* the Tenant waged Battel, which was accepted, and at the Day to be performed, Exception was taken to it, and what became of it afterwards I know not; but whoever would read more of those Tryals by Battel, may read *Bracton, lib. 3. cap. 18. Breton, cap. of Appeals*, and *Dugd. Origines Juridiciales*, from fol. 75 to 86.

Claxton against Lilburne,  
Cook, Rep. 3,  
522.

*Richard Earl of Strigull*, who married *Isabel* the sole Daughter and Heir of *Richard Strongbow*, Earl of *Pembroke*, gave divers Liberties and Priviledges to the Borough of *Baudac*, (formerly granted to the Knights Templers, by his noble Ancestor *Gilbert Strongbow*, sometime Earl of *Pembroke*) and gave unto them the Mill of *Radewelleshebed*, with two Husbandmen in that Town.

*Her. vol. 1,  
fol. 602.*

*King Hen. III. 1 Regni sui*, granted to the Knights Templers, and their Successors for ever, that they should have a Fair yearly in the Town of *Waldock*, on the Feast of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, and four Days following, also one Market to be held on Wednesday in every Week of the Year, in the new Borough.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 2, fol. 552.*

The Master of the Knights Templers in England, claimed by the Grant of *H. III.* very large Liberties, with Exemption from all secular Service, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangeneth, Outfangeneth, Hamsocne, Discharge in all things, in all Places and Causes, &c. from Toll, and all secular Service and Custom, in as large a Manner as any kingly Power can grant to any religious House, and Fair and Market. Also the Correction of the Assize of Bread, Wine, and Ale, Tumbrel, Pillory, View of Franc-pledge, &c. and they were allowed.

*King H. VII. 7 Regni sui*, granted to *John Kendal* Prior

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of the Hospital of *St. John of Jerusalem*, in *England*, and his Fraternity and their Successors, a Market to be held on Wednesday in every Week of the Year, in this Town, free from all Tolls, Taxes, Tallages, Piccage, Stallage, or other Charge whatsoever, to them that shall sell any Wares or Merchandize; And also two Fairs there every Year, one on the Vigils and Feast of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, and for one Day then next ensuing; and the other Fair on the Eve and Feast of *St. James* the Apostle, and one Day next after, with Power to receive Tolls, Taxes, Tallages, Stallages, Piccage, and other Charges or Profits of Merchandizes, and other things saleable there.

But upon the Dissolution of Monasteries in the time of *Hen. VIII.* this Mannor of *Waldock* came into the King's Hands; afterwards it was conveyed to *Thomas Rivet* of *London*, Mercer, and his Heirs, who in the eighth Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, surrendered up his Patent to the Queen, and in Consideration thereof, she granted to the said *Thomas Rivet* and his Heirs, a Market on the Saturday throughout the Year in this Town, for Beasts and other things, and Wares to be bought and sold there, and also three several Fairs to be held yearly in this Town, whereof the first to be on the Feast of *St. James* the Apostle, and the Day following the same, the second on the Feast of *St. Andrew* the Apostle, and the Day following, and the third on the Feast of *St. Matthew* the Apostle, and the Day following, with a Grant of all Stallage, Piccage, Tolls, Taxes, customary and other Profits of the same Markets and Fairs, with a Pypowder-court, and all the Profits thereunto belonging.

This *Thomas Rivet* had Issue *Thomas*, who was his Son and Heir, and succeeded him in this Mannor, and after he had enjoyed it sometime, sold it to the *Lady Anne Windsor* and *James Jeeve*, and *Katharine* his Wife, and their Heirs.

The *Lady Windsor*, by Deed dated the 23d of *January*, 1605, conveyed her Moiety of it to *John Hurst*, who fined for Sheriff of *London*, he dyed leaving Issue *John*, *William*, and *Edward*; upon his Death, this Moyety came to

*John*, who was his first Son, to whom *James Jeeve*, and *Katharine* his Wife, by Deed dated 29th *January*, 1618, sold their Moyety, whereby he came possest of the whole; he married *Mary* Daughter of *Miles March* of *Wadenham* in the Isle of *Ely* in *Cambridgeshire*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *John*, *William*, *Humberston* married to *Love* Daughter of ———, *Isaac* married to *Anne*, Daughter of *John King* of *Sudbury*, Draper, *Thomas* married to *Mary* Daughter of *John Read*, Alderman of the City of *Notwich*; *Mary* married to *William Layer* of *Shpreth* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. *Anne* married to *Jonathan Waller* of *Ash-*

nel in this County, Gentleman, and *Elizabeth* married to *John Pamplin* of *Wadenham* in the Isle of *Ely*, Esq. upon his Decease, *Hand. of Bradewater*

*John* his eldest Son succeeded, married the Daughter of *William Plomer* of *Radwell* in this County, Esq. and after her Decease, *Constance* the eldest Daughter of *Thomas Hawes* of *Hertford*, Gent. but dying about the Year 1684, without Issue, this Mannor came to

*William* his Brother and next Heir, who married the youngest Daughter of *Henry Chauncy* of *Ardsley* in this County, Esq. by whom he had *William, John, Humberston; Mary* married to *James*, only Son of *James Bets* of *Bis* in the County of *Norfolk*, Gent. *Anne, Elizabeth* married to ——— the only Son of ——— *Bowker*, Rector of one of the Parish Churches of *Killingham* in the County of *Suffolk*, and *Jane*, whereof *William* and *Humberstone* dyed in his Life-time; and he deceased on the 30th of *Dec.* 1699, leaving *John* his Heir, who gave for his Arms *Argent, a Star of sixteen Points, Gules; Crest on a Wreath, a Grove of Wood Proper*; and he sold this Mannor to

*Pierce Clever*, Esq. who is the present Lord hereof, and gives for his Arms, *Or, three Bars Vert on a Canton Argent, a Fesse between as many Mascles Sable*.

To this Mannor belongs Court Leet and Baron, and 'tis the Custom when the Steward appears at any Court, the Bell tolls, and the Tenants immediately attend the Court, do their Suit and Service at Dinner, whither every Baker and Victualler sendeth a Loaf of Bread, and a Flaggon of Ale or Beer, that the Steward and Jury may examine the Measures of their Pots, weigh their Bread, and taste whether their Bread, Ale, and Beer, be wholsom for Man's Body.

**T**HIS Rectory Anno 26 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 10*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* and the King is the Patron.

#### The RECTORS.

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| 1550 <i>Henry Howe</i>      | 1614 <i>Josiah Bird</i>          |
| 1558 <i>Robert Little</i>   | 1667 <i>Richard Worthley</i>     |
| 1561 <i>Augustine Lawry</i> | 1680 <i>Richard Fyson, M. A.</i> |
| 1600 <i>Richard Price</i>   |                                  |

The Church is a fair Pile of Building, erected within the Town by the Knights Templers about the beginning of the Reign of King *Stephen*; is situated about the middle of the Town, in the Deanery of *Baldock*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*. The Church and three Chancels are large, covered with Lead, to which a goodly Tower is annexed, in which is a large Ring of six excellent Bells, the greatest very ancient; it was baptiz'd in the time that the Romish Religion was exercised here, which Custom is still continued among the Papists to this Day, where a Bell was lately baptiz'd at *Belstree* in *Italy*, after this Manner.

The Bell was placed at the lower End of the Church, hanging upon two Gudgeons covered with rich Velvet of a Violet colour, and the Bell itself with a Robe of the same. Two Theatres were built on each Side of it for the Musicians, and an Ampitheatre for the Ladies who desired to see the Ceremony. The Pillars and Walls of the Church were curi-

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ously adorn'd with Sheets of Silk and Pictures; an Altar was erected near the Bell, very neatly set forth; a white Sattin Robe was laid upon it, in order to cover the Bell, so soon as it was baptiz'd; and a great fair Garland of choice Flowers stood by it, to be plac'd upon it: There was also a Roman Ritual, a Censor, and a Vessel of Holy Water; and rich Velvet Chairs were set round the Altar for the Priests appointed to perform the Ceremony: And a Throne was erected by it, magnificently hung, for the Godfather and Godmother of the Bell.

About ten of the Clock in the Forenoon the Company came, and having taken their several Places, the Priests began their Function; the Bishop of Belettre being at that time very sick, another was deputed for that Purpose, and his Chair was placed upon the Steps of the High Altar: He sang the first Psalm, which was continued by the Musick, and when all the Psalms were ended, the Bishop bless'd the Holy Water, that it might afterwards sanctify the Bell. This Benediction was very long, but when it was finish'd the Bishop and Priests dipt Sponges in it, with which they rub'd the Bell within and without, from the Crown to the Skirts thereof, repeating in the mean while, divers Prayers full of Heavenly Blessings, to purify, sanctify, and consecrate the Bell; *Ut hoc Tintinnabulum*, said they, *caelesti benedictione perfundere, purificare, sanctificare, et consecrare, digneris*. That thou wouldst be pleased to rinse, purify, sanctify, and consecrate this Bell with thy heavenly Benediction. The Bell being thus wash'd, they dry'd it with clean Napkins, and the Bishop taking the Viol of Holy Oyl (which were those they blest on Ascension Day for the whole Year following) he anointed the Cross of Metal fixed on the Crown of the Bell, in order to make the Devil flee at the Sound of it, *Ut hoc audientes Tintinnabulum tremiscant, et fugiant ante Crucis in eo depictum vexillum*. That hearing this Bell they may tremble, and flee before the Banner of the Cross design'd upon it. Then he made seven other Crosses with the Oyl on the outside, and four more on the inside of the Bell; this done he caused the Godfather and the Godmother to draw near, and demanded of them in *Italian* whether they were the Persons that presented this Bell to be consecrated? they answered, they did. He proceeded, and ask'd whether the Founder was paid, and satisfy'd for the Metal and Workmanship of the Bell? They answered, Yea. Then he demanded whether they believed all that the Catholick, Apostolick Roman Church believes concerning the Holiness and Virtue of Bells? The answer was, Yea. Lastly, he demanded of them, what Name they desired should be put upon the Bell? The Lady answer'd, *MARY*. Then the Bishop took two great Silk Ribbons, which had been fastened to the Gudgeons of the Bell, and gave each of them one in their Hands, and pronounced with a loud intelligible Voice the Words of Consecration, *Consecratur, et Sanctificatur, Sigistud in nomine Patris, Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen*. Let this Sign be consecrated, and sanctified, in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen. Then turning himself to the People, he said, the Name of this Bell is *MARY*; after that he took the Censor, and censeth it round about on the outside, then put the Censor under the Bell, full of sacred Fumes, repeating all the while Prayers, and Invocations, that it might be fill'd with the Holy Spirit, saying, *Tu hoc Tintinnabulum Spiritus, Sancti rore perfundere, ut ante sonitum illius semper fugiat Bonorum Inimicus*: Do thou besprinkle this Bell with the Dew of thy Holy Spirit, that the Enemies of all Good, may always fly at the Sound thereof. The Office was carried on with a great many Psalms, which the Bishop and Priests repeated, the Musick playing all the while; then the Bishop covered the Bell with a white Robe of a Convert, and with a loud Voice read the Gospel of *Martha and Mary*. The whole solemnity thus ended, the Bishop gave his Benediction to the People, and the Godfather and Godmother great Presents to the Priests. See the whole form of Baptizing Bells in the Roman Ritual at large.

In the North Chancel is this Inscription upon a Gravestone.

Margaretta Bennet *Matri suæ piissimæ.*  
*Quæ obiit in Domino, Mense Novembris,*  
*Anno Dom. 1587. Robertus Bennet Episcopus*  
*Hæreticis pietatis nomine posuit.*

Here is an Ancient Monument which has this Inscription.

Farewell my Friends, the tyd abideth no man,  
I am departed hence, and so sal ye  
But in this passage the best Song I can  
Is Requiem eternam, now Jesu grant it me  
When I have ended all my adversitie,  
Grant me in Paradys to have a mansion  
That shewst thy blood for my redemption.

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Prey for the Soules of William Crane, Jone and Margaret his Wives  
——— which William dyed ——— 1483 ——— on Whos.

Orate pro ——— Willelmi Vynter, generosi, et Margarete consortis suæ, qui  
quidem Willelmus obiit 2 Junii. 1416. et Margareta obiit ——— Octob.  
1411. eorum animabus, parentum, amicorum. Benefactorum suorum Deus  
omnipotens pro sua magna misericordia propitiatur, Amen.

This French Epitaph was Engraved upon the Monument of  
one of the *Argentons*.

Reignald d'Argentein ci gist  
Que cest Chappel feire fist;  
Fut Chaballier Saint Marins  
Chescun pardon pour l'ame pris.  
*Englished.*

*Regnald de Argentyne*, here is laid,  
That cause this Chapel to be made:  
He was a Knight of *St. Mary the Virgin*  
Therefore prey pardon for his sin.

Within this Church are three Arches made in the Wall, whereof two in  
the South, and the other in the North Wall, where the Inhabitants have a  
Tradition, that three Knights Templers were buried in Stone Troughs or  
Coffers, and the two Coffins in the South Wall happening to be opened in  
the Year 1691, there was a fair Skeleton of a Man lying in either Coffin,  
whereof one of them had Hair on his Head.

*A high Gravestone in the Churchyard has this Inscription.*

*Josias Bird* lies Buried here,  
Who taught this Parish three and fifty year,  
Aged he was, as I have heard some say,  
He was Eighty eight before he past away,  
And died in the year  
When 1 and sixes three made up the Quere,

#### CHARITIES.

*John Parker of Kibbrel, Esq.* gave an Annuity of 10*l.* per Ann. out of  
all his Estate in Kibbrel, to find twenty six Two-penny Loaves for twenty  
six poor People in this Town every Sunday in the Year. The Bread to  
stand upon his Gravestone in the Chancel of this Church.

E Reint. Ed.  
Lawdry,  
Gent.

*John Winne* gave 11000*l.* to build six Alms-houses, and purchase  
Land to raise an Annuity of 40*l.* a piece for every poor Person settled in  
those Houses.

Several Persons whose Names I cannot learn gave about eleven Pounds  
per Ann. issuing out of some Houses and Lands in Baldock, *Offey*,  
*Elstou*, *Clothel*, and *Millen*, towards the Repair of this Church.

Several Persons whose Names I know not, gave the yearly Value of  
30*l.* for repairing of the Church and the payment of fifteenths, and de-  
fraying of Charges of the Parish.

*John Yardly* gave five Acres of Land in the Parish of *Millen*, the  
Rent to be disposed among the poor and indigent Persons in this Parish.

## LECEWORTHE, LETCHWORTH.

THIS Vill derived its Name from the Seat of some  
ancient Possessor hereof; and King *William* the Conqueror  
gave it to *Robert Gernon*, a great *Norman*, who assisted

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him in that famous Battle at *Leves*, where he obtained the Crown of this Realm, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of *Terra Roberti Gernon*.

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 138, n. 28.*

*Willielmus tenet de Roberto Gernon Lxxviii. pro decem hid. se defendebat. Terra est septem car. in Dom. sunt duo, et novem Vill. cum Presbitero habente quinq; car. ibi duo Soch. de un. hida et dimid. et quatuor car. et unus Servus, pratum dimid. car. pastura ad pec. Silva cent. porc. in totio valent valet sex lib. quando recepit septem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi octo lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Godwinus de Souberin Teignus Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit, et ibi tres Soch. homines ejus duo hida et tres virgat. habuerunt, et vendere potuerunt.*

*William held Lxxviii of Robert Gernon, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne are two, and nine Villains with the Presbiter or Parson having five Carucates, there are two Sochmen of one Hide and an half, and four Carucates and one Servant, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed an hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth six Pounds by the Year, when he received it seven Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) eight Pounds; Godvins de Souberin a Thane of King Edward (the Confessor) held this Mannor and might sell it, and there are three Sochmen (under his Protection), have two Hides, and three Virgates, and may sell them.*

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viii.*

Shortly after this Mannor was conveyed to *William de Montfitchet*, who with *Rohais* his Wife, and *William* their Son, in the Reign of King *Hen. I.* gave this Church of *Lechworth* with all its Appurtenances, and twelve Acres of Land in this Vill, to the Monastery of *St. Alban*.

*William* the Son succeeded his Father in this Mannor, and married *Margaret* Daughter to *Gilbert Fitz Richard* of *Clart*, by whom he had Issue

*Lib. rub. sub.  
tit Essex.  
Bar vol. 1,  
fol. 438.*

*Gilbert*, who was his Heir, and upon the Assessment for that Aid made for the Marriage of the King's Daughter, Anno 12 *Hen. II.* certified that he had eight and forty Knights' Fees, and a fifth Part *de Veteri Feoffamento*, and he dyed leaving Issue

*Ibid. fol. 439.*

*Richard*, who succeeded him, and attended the King in his Expedition into *Normandy*, Anno 6 *Rich. I.* and King *John* granted to him, Anno 2 *Regni sui*, a Confirmation of the Forrestership of *Essex*, and the Custody of the Castle of *Hertford*, for both which he gave a hundred Marks; he was constituted Sheriff of *Essex* and *Hertford*, 3 *Johannis*, and bore that Office three Years, and dyed Anno 5 *Joh.* leaving by *Milicent* his Wife

*Richard*, who was his Heir, but being within Age at the Death of his Father, the Wardship was granted to *Roger de Lacy*, Constable of *Chester*, for one thousand Marks, but this *Roger* dying, *Milicent*, the Mother of the Heir, surviving, bought the Wardship for eleven hundred Pounds; when this Heir arrived to his full Age, he joyned with the rebellious Barons of that time, and was so active on their Behalf, that they made him one of the five and twenty Governors of the Realm; he gave his Mannor to the Knights Templers, and their Successors, and the Master of that Order held this Mannor, Anno 6 *Edw. I.* by the

*6 Ed. I. Rot.  
39, cur. re-  
cept. Scac.*

Service of half a Knight's Fee of the Baronage of ~~Mont-~~fitchet, and was wont to be gildable with the County until the Knights Templers obtained the Discharge thereof.

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At length these Knights Templers sold this Mannor to *Thomas Barrington*, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff for the Counties of ~~Hertford~~ and ~~Essex~~, Anno 1452, 30 H. VI. and this Mannor passed by the same Persons as ~~Chisfield~~, did, till it came to *Thomas Barrington*, who sold it to *William Hanchet*, and *Bridget* his Wife, from whom it descended to

*John Hanchet*, who was his Son and Heir, and granted it to *Thomas Snagge*, to whom he levied a Fine of this Mannor and Lands in ~~Lechworth~~, ~~Chaplen~~, and ~~Wimmondsley~~, for the Use of the said *Thomas Snagge*, from him it came to

*Fin. Mich. 1  
Ed. VI. Rot.  
46, cur. re-  
cept. Scac.*

*William Snagge*, from whom it descended to

*Thomas Snagge* his Son, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter to ~~Calton~~ of ~~Walden~~ in ~~Essex~~, he was elected for the Autumn Reader, An. 16 *Eliz.* for *Grays-Inn* was double Reader Anno 22 *Eliz.* Was elected one of the Treasurers of that Society, in *February* following he received a writ to be Serjeant at Law, returnable in *Michaelmas* following, was advanced by Patent, dated 32 *Eliz.* to be the Queen's Serjeant; from whom it descended to

*William Snagge*, who was his Heir, succeeded him and gave for his Arms, *Argent, three Pheons Sable; Crest on a Wreath, a Demy Roebuck Ermin, attired and unguled Or.* He sold this Mannor to

Sir *Rowland Lytton*, from whom it is lineally descended to Sir *William Lytton* the present Lord hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 *Hen. VIII.* was rated in the King's Books, at the yearly Value of 11*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* and Sir *William Lytton*, the Lord of this Mannor, is Patron hereof.

#### THE RECTORS.

Mr. *Witsey.*

Mr. *Ralph Battel.*

This Church is erected in the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of ~~Stitchin~~, in the Diocess of ~~London~~; 'tis small and hath nothing of Remark in it.

### WELEI, WILLIEN.

IN the time of *William* the Conqueror, 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Regis*.

*In Dimidio Hundred. de Rē, Rex Willielmus tenet Welel. pro duobus hidis se defendebat. Terra est septem car. in dominio una hida, et ibi sunt duo car. et octo Vil. cum quinque Bord. habentibus quatuor car. et quinta potest fieri, ibi duo Cotarii, et quatuor Servi, Pastura ad pecud. Ville. Silva trecent Perc: Hoc Manerium tenuit Comes Heraldus, et jacet in Rē, ubi jacuit tempora Regis Edwardi.*

*Domesd. Lib  
fol. 133, n. 1.*

*In Welel tenet unus Sochmannus unam hidam. Terra est duo Car. et ibi sunt duo Vil. cum duobus Bord. et novem Cotariis, pratum dimid Car. Pastura ad Pecud. Ville, nemus ad sepes, huic Terra adjacet Silva ad quinquaginta Perc. quam invasit Osmundus de Valle Madonis, super Regem*



Hund. of  
Bradewater

Willielmum, et jacuit in Soca de *Hij*, tempore Regis Edwardi, ut *Scyra* testatur, valet et valuit hæc Terra viginti. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi triginti. sol. Hanc Terram tenuit Godwinus Homo Comititis Heraldi, et vendere potuit.

Hanc posuit Petrus Vice-comes in *Hij*, ad firmam, quas non fuit ibi tempore Regis Edwardi, neque consuetudinem ibi reddidit.

Quam Terram dederat Ilibertus cuidam suo Militi dum erat Vicecomes, pro qua Terra reclamavit Gaufridus de Bech misericordiam Regis.

In *Billie* tenet unus Sochmannus dimid. hid. Terra est un. car. et ibi est cum un. Cotar. Nemus ad sepes valet decem sol. quando recepit quinque sol. tempore Regis Edwardi sexdecim sol. Hanc Terram tenuit Edmundus homo Comitis Heraldi, et vendere potuit, Soca remansit in *Hij*, unam aceram invenit.

In Bradewater Hund. in *Billie* tenuit Golsfridus de Bech, quinque hid. et unam virgatum. Terra est novem Car. in dominio duo hid. et ibi sunt duo Car. et alia duo possunt fieri, ibi decem Villi cum uno Milite, et quatuor Bord. habentes quinque Car. Pratum dimid. Car. Pastura ad pec. Nemus ad sepes inter totum valet, decem lib. et quatuordecim sol. quando recepit quatuor lib. tempore Regis Edwardi, duodecim lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Leoric Huscari, Com. Leuvini, et vendere potuit, et ibi unus Sochmannus homo Elmari de Beningtons dimid. hid. habuit et vendere potuit, et una Vidua. dimid. hid. habuit decem acras minus non potuit vendere præter licentiam Godulne de Laceworde.

King William held *Billie* in the half Hundred of *Hij*. it was rated for two Hides. The arrable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne one Hide, and there are two Carucates, and eight Villains with five Bordars, having four Carucates, and a fifth may be made, there are two Cottagers, and four Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed three hundred Hogs; Earl Harold held this Mannor, and it lyes in *Hij*, where it lay in the time of King Edward (the Confessor).

One Sochman held one Hide in *Billie*. The arrable is two Carucates, and there are there two Villains, with two Bordars, and nine Cottagers, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood for Hedges, a Wood lyes to this Land to feed fifty Hogs, which Osmund of the Vale of *Baton*, got by a Sleight of King William, and it did lye in the Soke of *Hij*, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) as the Shire can witness; this Land is worth and was worth twenty Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) thirty Shillings. Godwin a Man (under the Protection) of Earl Harold, held this Land and might sell it.

Peter the Sheriff set this in *Hij* to Farme, which was not there in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) nor paid any Rent there.

Which Land Ilibert gave to a certain Knight, whilst he was Sheriff, for which Land Godfrey de Bech did obtain Judgment.

One Sochman held half an Hide of Land in *Billie*. The arrable is one Carucate, and it is now there with one Cottager, Wood for Hedges, it is worth ten Shillings a Year, when he received it five Shillings, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) sixteen Shillings; Edmund a Man (under the Protection) of Earl Harold held this Land and might sell it. The Soke remained in *Hij*, he found one Horse.

Golsfride de Bech held five Hides and one Virgate in *Billie*, in Bradewater Hundred. The arrable is nine Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides, and there are two Carucates, and two others may be made, there are ten Villains, with one Knight, and four Bordars having five Carucates, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood for Hedges; in the whole it is worth ten Pounds and fourteen Shillings a Year, when he received it four Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twelve Pounds; Leoric Huscari a Tenant of Earl Lewis held this Mannor and might sell it, and one Sochman a Man (under the Protection) of Elmar de Belinton, had half a Hide there and might sell it, and a Widow had half a Hide there, wanting ten Acres, she might not sell it, without the License of Godwin de Laceworde.

At that time it appears by this Record, that a great Part of this Vill lay in the Hundred of *Hij*, but about the time of King H. II. I find that Ralph Punchardon was Lord of

this Mannor, for in those Dayes *Gilbert de Tany*, a great Baron, did demise and grant to the Church of *St. Alban* and the Monks of the same Place, all his Land which he had in the Vill of *Wallyt*, to wit, one Virgate and an half to be holden of him and his Heirs at Fee-farme, paying 12*d.* per Annum, at the Octaves of Easter, for all Services which did belong to him and his Heirs, saving the Service due to the Lord of the Soil, to wit, the eighth Part of a Knight's Fee, which the said Monks did freely discharge; before this Agreement was made the Monks gave to this *Gilbert* two Marks of Silver, and four Shillings to *Walter* his Son and Heir, in the Presence of *William* Priest of *Nortune*, *Joiley* the Priest of *Stamham*, *Robert* the Priest, *Gervase* the Priest of *Wyngrave*, *Ralph de Punchard*, *William de Craward*, *Alan* Clerk to the Sheriff, *William* the Son of *Robert de Terefel*, *Luke* of *Nortune*, *Balderick Litlington*, *William de Punchard*, *Utrede*, *Richard Barate*, *Godwine*, Esq. *Ely Alvered* of *Richmerestworth*, *John Revel*, *William Faber*, *Bernard de Shepheard*, *Roger de Litlington*, *Gaufride de Shephale*, *Adam* the Reeve, *William* the Reeve, *Hamor* of *Spatesbury*, *John* of *Staunford*, *Henry Theotonic*, *Ralph Mansel*, and *Richard* the Hostler.

*Walter Tany* granted and confirmed to God and the Church of *St. Alban*, the Agreement made between the said Monks and *Gilbert* his Father, of one Virgate and an half of Land in *Wallyt*, which his Father held in this Vill, and as the said Monks held it now of him and his Heirs, freely from all Services which belonged to him and his Heirs, paying yearly 12*d.* at the Octaves of Easter, saving the Service due to the Lord of the Soil, which was the eighth Part of a Knight's Fee, which the Monks freely discharged; and this Grant was made for the Health of his Soul, and for the Health of the Souls of his Father and Mother, and all his Parents, and his Friends, in the Presence of *Ralph de Widen*, *William de Sisserverne*, *Richard de Newport*, *William* the Chaplain of *Nortune*, *Alexander* the Youth, *Roger* the Son of *Race*, *Ralph Panchester*, *William* the Clerk, *William de Therfield*, *Warne* his Brother, *Hugh Long*, and mony others.

*Ralph Punchardon* being Lord of this Mannor, confirmed this Agreement made between *Gilbert Tany*, and the Monks of *St. Albans*, one Virgate of Land and an Half in the Vill of *Wallyt*, held of his Fee, saving his Service in all things, to wit, the eighth Part of a Knight's Fee, which they freely paid in Money; the Witnesses to this Confirmation were *Richard de Crokesle*, *Geoffry de Gorham*, *Ralph de Wyden*, *Alexander de Thurold*, *Geoffry de Childwick*, *Geoffry* the Son of *William de Redburne*, *William de Sisserverne*, *Robert* the Son of *Hamon*, *Ade* the Son of *Amfride*, *Robert* the Porter, *Alom de Chaler*, *Roger Orbeck*, *Reginald* the Son of *Adeliz*.

*Hund. of  
Wallyt*

*Hand. of  
Bede Water*

*Geoffry* the Son of *Ralph Punchardon*, succeeded his Father in *Wiltz*, he had Issue

*William*, who succeeded upon his Father's Death, and confirm'd the Grant which *Simon* Abbot of *St. Albans*, and the Monks there, made to *Alan* Clerk, of *Lechworth*, and his Heirs, of one Virgate and an Half of Land in the Vill of *Wiltz*, of the Fee of *Gilbert de Tany*, to hold of them by Right of Inheritance, paying five Shillings to the Cellerer, at the four usual Terms of the Year, saving the Service due to the King and the Lord of the Soil, which the same *Alan* shall pay; the Witnesses were *Richard de Crochele*, *Ralph de Midon*, *Philip de Cimitray*, *Robert* the Porter, and *Richard* the Dispensor.

And this *Geoffry*, in the time of *Edu. I.* granted to the venerable Father *Roger*, Abbot of *St. Albans*, and his Convent, all the Right and Claim which he had, or in any Manner might have, in a certain Tenement, which the Abbot of *St. Albans* held of him in the Vill of *Wiltz*, with the Lands, Rents, Homages, Fealty, Releases, Escheates, Aides, Wardes, and other Gifts and Profits to the same Tenement emerging; which Deed was executed in the Presence of *Robert de Gravele*, *John Gyle*, *William de la Moore*, *Roger de Punchardon*, *Walter de Greville*, *Walter de Linke*, *Geoffry Punchardon* of *Lechworth*, *Wygan de la Mare*, *William de Norreis* of *St. Alban*, *Philip de Belver* of *St. Alban*, *Robert de la Sale*, and many others.

But I find that this Mannor, in the time of *R. II.* was in the Possession of *Henry Frowick* who resided here, and married *Anne* the sole Daughter and Heir of Sir *Robert Knolls* of *Northwymes* in this County, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, *Isabel* married to *Thomas Bedlow*, and *Elizabeth* married to *John Conisby*.

*Thomas* succeeded his Father, and dying without Issue, his Sisters were his Coheirs, and, I guess, upon the Partition, this Mannor might come to *Isabel*, and that *Thomas Bedlow* her Husband might sell it to

*John Thorogood*, who died seized hereof, leaving only

*Anne* his Daughter and Heir, to whom it descended, she married Sir *Thomas Cheiny*, Kt. who enjoy'd it some time, and then he and his Wife conveyed it to

*John Cock* and his Heirs, who afterwards demised it to *John Needham* for a Term of Years, but before the Term was expired, he, by Deed dated the 8th of *May*, Anno 5 *Eliz.* granted all his Interest and Term of Years in this Mannor of *Wiltz*, with all other his Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in the Vill and Fields of *Wiltz*, (which Mannor of *Wiltz* was also *John Cock's*, Esq. and before him *John Thorogood's*) to

*Thomas Rivet* of *Chippam* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. who, I suppose, sold it to *Edward Wilson*, from whom

it came by lineal Descent, to ——— *Wilson* the last Owner hereof.

*Hund. of  
Bradshott*

THE Rectory in Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at the Rate of 5*l.* ob. per An. and ——— *Ward*, Clerk, is Patron hereof.

*The RECTORS.*

Mr. *Fleetwood.* Mr. *Way.* Mr. *Ward.*

The Church is erected in the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of *Baldock*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*; it is covered with Lead; there is a square Tower, wherein are four Bells, with a short Spire upon it, and these Inscriptions are upon the Gravestones in the Chancel and Church.

Hic jacet *Boninus Richardus Golden* quondam ——— *Saceris Octobris*, Anno Domini, 1417.

P. M. S.

*Sub hoc Marmore jacet  
Exiguum illud quod mortale fuit  
Richardi Way Theologiae Baccalauræi,  
Qui, dum omnia flagrant civilis bello  
Obstrepera et inter arma leges silent,  
Subditus Regis et Ecclesiæ filius.  
Fidelis erat utriusque; infortunii Comes.  
Terras Astrea tandem revisens nostras,  
Tam suos quam Ecclesiæ filios  
A propriis laribus diu exules  
In propriam quemque sedem restituit:  
Atque hos inter Pastor *Williamensis*  
Ejusdem hic et Ecclesiæ patronus,  
Sedecem annorum exilium passus,  
Viduum et polentem revisit gregem,  
Tam Officio quam Beneficio restauratus  
Possessionem obtinuit antiquam:  
Sed hujus vitæ Lubricæ arumnis  
—— quibus frui videbatur,  
Ne bis fortunæ fieret ludibrium,  
Migravit iubens in certiorē,  
Obiit, 23 Apr. Ann. Dom. 1678. Etatis suæ 63.*

P. M. S.

*Alicia Way nata Bedfordiæ uxor Ricl. Way, istius Ecclesiæ Vicarii, similè Patroni, filia Gulielmi Abbis, generosi, natu secunda nec tamen ulli secunda erat enim erga Deum relegiosa, Parentes morigera, — et liberorum amans. Talis vitæ ratio Sex parvidos reliquit rum filios tres Richardum, Thomam, Gulielmum, totidemque filias, Aliciam, Mariam, et Katharinam in Cunabulis. Denata est viceasimo secundo die Novembris, Anno Etatis 33. Salutis Reparata 1622. per quam expectat hic resurrectionem felicem.*

*Monumentum hoc quaecunque  
Richardus Way  
Uxori plurimum desideratæ  
posuit superates.*

Μόνον τῷ Θεῷ δοῦναι

Hic jacet *Johannes Chapman, Theologiae Baccalaurus, Collegii Sanctæ et individua Trinitatis Cantabr' inter seniores quondam Socius, et istius Ecclesiæ Vicarius, qui obiit 27 die Decembris, Anno Domini 1624.*

*Etatis suæ 74.*

Who in Profession of the Deity,  
Worshipt one God in Blessed Trinity;  
Adorn'd his Age with comly Gravity,  
Supported Friends with true Fidelity.  
In Peace, and Truth, and Love, detesting Pride,  
He was a Monument before he died.

*Talis erat mortis ratio moderatio vitæ,  
Dulce sic ut terum vivere dulce mori.*

*Hund. of  
Broadwater*

Underneath.

And likewise Anne his Wife, who died upon *Ascension Day*, 1633.

A double Surgeon She; She oft restor'd to Health  
The pined Wretch, as oft the Poor to Wealth.

A Monument in the Wall.

*Hic jacet Edvardus Lacon, Arm. de Domo de Bagillie in Com. Salopia, qui obiit, A. D. 1625. Etat. sua 80.*

*Et Joanna Uxor ejus, aliquando uxor Edwardi Wilson, Arm. Domini istius Manerii, Faminæ spectata virtutis, Modestia, Prudentia, Gratia, et Naturæ donis adornata Liberos; quos suscepit in timore Dom. educavit pie, et religiose vixit. Morbum doloris ætate ingravescente summa patientia, et constanti fide sustinuit: animam Deo reddidit, pieque in Christo obdormivit 13 die mensis Aug. A. D. 1624.*

*Etatis suæ 79.*

A Monument in the Wall.

*Hic jacet Mathæus Thorley, quondam Vicarius istius Ecclesiæ, qui obiit viceesimo nono die Decembris 1634.*

*Quatuor haud denos Chapman quos duplicat annos  
Serius aut Citius metam properamus ad unam.*

*Mors mihi lucrum.*

P. M. S.

*Thomas Wilsonus, Arm.  
Bartfordiensis Patria, Londini natus,  
Parentum optimorum filius optimus,  
Nec eorum virtutum minus quam facultatum hæres.*

*Qui in Hospitio Grejano dum adhuc juvenis  
Patriæ potius quam sibi leges asserere didicit:  
Postmodum protectior factus in latifundiis suis proprii  
Apu Bartfordienses suos consedit.*

*Ubi*

*Pietate in Deum Christiana,  
Cum Charitate in egenos conjuga,  
Vita Scantimoniâ singulari,  
Spectata in omnes probitate,  
Summaq; in rebus agendis prudentia,  
Temperantia constanter immutabili,  
Præcis illustribus comparandus extitit.*

*Idem,*

*Semper idem ejusdem Pietatis Vitutis  
Cultor perennis Servus concevit:  
Postquam enim annos fecisset uno minus octoginta,  
Annorum satur, et presens pertæsus sæculum,  
Plaudè migravit hinc animumque Deo reddidit,  
Triste relinquens posteris sui desiderium*

*Cui dum superstes erat Christianis spes vita fuit  
Jam defuncto Christi resurgendi fit imitator  
Hac igitur fide fretus hac spe regemur  
Tandem denascitur cum renascendi plerophoria.*

*Interim in Sancto vestibulo*

*Primitias dormientium Christum dum reducem  
Cum fratribus suis candidatus opperitur.*

*Αμὴν καὶ ἔρχεσθαι Ἰησοῦ*

*Obiit Ann. { Salutis 1656. ——— } in Festo St. Joh.  
{ Etatis suæ supradicto } Eoan.*

*Et Lucia uxor ejus Antonii Jenkensoni filia, Regina Elizabethæ apud  
Exteros tum Christianos tum Barbaros per annos vigint. sæs legalis.*

Having now ended Broadwater Hundred, I shall proceed to the neighbouring Hundred of *Bitchin*, which is the second Part of the third Division of this County.





THE HUNDRED  
OF  
HIZ, NOW HITCHIN

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**I**S the second Part of the third Division of this County was denominated from the Town of *Hiz*, since changed its Name with that Town to *Hitchin*, and was Parcel of the Revenue of the Crown: The Sheriffs of this County, have collected the Profits thereof for the Use of the King, and the Justices of Peace have usually held their private Sessions and publick Meetings for this Hundred at the Town of *Hiz*: Most of the Hundred is Champion, and bounded on the North and West with the County of *Bedford*, on the East and South, with the Hundreds of *Broadwater* and *Catsho*, and contains these Parishes or Hamlets, which are divided between two High Constables, whereof one has for his Division, the several Towns and Hamlets of *Hitchin*, *Minsden*, *Preston*, *Dinesley*, *Hippolits*, *Ickleford*, *St. Thomas Chappel*, and *Wilton*; and the other High Constable has *Offely*, *Lilly*, *King's-walden*, *Stagenhoe*, and *Wimeton*; after which Order I shall treat of all these Parishes and Hamlets.

*Hund. of  
Hitchin.*

*HIZ, HITCH, HITCHIN.*

**T**HIS Town was Parcel of the Possessions of the Mertian Kings, which may be the Reason why this Mannor extends into the Parish of *Offely*, where the magnificent *Offa* sometimes held his Court, and at last ended his Life: It was called *Hiz*, from the Name of the River that passes through it; and doubtless was a Place of some Remark, when King *Alfred* divided this County into Hundreds; for at that time, this Hundred was denominated from this Town, which remained then in the Possession of the Saxon Kings, and continued in the Crown until King *Edward* the Confessor gave it with *Offay*, *Walden*, *Wimondeslay*, *Welen*, *Wade-dene*, *Deneslay*, *Hesmere*, *Hegestaneston*, and *Epe*, all in this County, to Earl *Harold*, who held and enjoyed them so long as he lived; but when he was slain at *Battle*, nine Miles from *Hastings* in *Sussex*, they came to King *Wil-*

*Matt. Paris,  
de Vita Offa.*

*Bar. of Engl.,  
vol. 1, fol. 21.*



Hand. of  
Ritchin.

Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 132.

liam the Conqueror, who reserved this Mannor in the Crown, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of

*Terra Regis.*

*In Dimidio Hundred. de Ht. Rex Willielmus tenet Ht. pro quinq; hidis se defendebat. Terra est xxxiv car. in Dominio una hida, et ibi sunt sex car. et xli Villani cum septem decem Bord. habentibus viginti carucat. et viii adhuc possunt fieri, ibi xlii cotar. et Serui, et iv Molini de lili sol. et iv denar. pratum quatuor car. pastura ad pec. Ville. Silva cccccc porc. Hoc Manerium tenuit Com. Heraldus. de his v Hid jacent duo in Monasterio hujus Ville. Terra est iv car in Dominio i Hida et dimid, et ibi est i car. et alia potest fieri, et ibi iv Vill. habentes ii car. et vii cotar. pratum ii bovis, pastura ad pec. hæc ii hida sex lib. quando recepit xl sol. tempore Regis Edwardi iv lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Comes Heraldus.*

*Rex Willielmus tenet Ht. habens pro tribus virgat. sedes debet. Terra est ii car. et vi bobus, et ibi sunt cum vi Villis. Silva vi porc, hanc terram tenuit Comes Heraldus in Ht. suo Manerio et ibi modo jacet.*

*Rex Willielmus tenet Cerlstone pro i virgat. se defendebat. Terra est i car. et ibi est cum ii cotar. et i Molin. de xx denar. Valet et valuit semper x sol. hanc terram ten. ii Soch. de Com. Heraldus, et vendere potuerunt abeq; licentia ejus. Soca fuit semper in Ht. Ilbertus quando fuit Vicecomes apposuit in Ht.*

*Inter totum reddit Ht. cum suis pertinentibus per annum centum et sex lib. arvas, et pensatas, et decem lib. ad numerum. Quando recepit Petrus Vicecomes qt. xx lib. et sex tempore Regis Edwardi lx lib. de Ht. et de Soch. ibidem pertin. xl lib. ad numerum.*

*The Land of the King.*

King William held Ht. in the half Hundred of Ht. it was rated for five Hides. The arrable is four and thirty Carucates, in Demeasne one Hide, and there are six Carucates and one and forty Villains, with seventeen Bordars, having twenty Carucates and now eight more may be made, there are two and twenty Cottagers, and twelve Servants, and four Mills of three and fifty Shillings and four Pence Rent, Meadow four Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed six hundred Hogs; Earl Harold held this Mannor: Of these five Hides, two lye in the Monastery of this Vill, the arrable is four Carucates, in Demeasne one Hide and an half, and there is one Carucate, and another may be made, and there are four Villains having two Carucates, and seven Cottagers, there are Meadow to feed two Oxen, Common of Pasture for the Cattle; these two Hides are worth six Pounds by the Year, when he received it forty Shillings, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) four Pounds. Earl Harold held this Mannor.

King William held Ht. habens, it was rated for three Virgates. The arrable is two Carucates and six Oxgangs, and they are there with six Villains, Wood to feed forty Hogs. Earl Harold held this Land in his Mannor in Ht, and there it now lyeth.

King William held Cerlstone: it was rated for one Virgate. The arrable is one Carucate, and it is there with two Cottagers, and one Mill of twenty Pence Rent; it is worth, and always was worth, ten Shillings by the Year. Two Sochmen held this Land of Earl Harold by the Year, and might sell it without his leave. The Soke was always in Ht. When Ilbert was Sheriff he laid it in Ht.

Among all the Rent, Ht, with the Appurtenances, was worth an hundred and six Pounds by the Year, burnt and weighed, and ten Pounds number'd: When Peter the Sheriff received it, he held it for as much as six and twenty Pounds of Ht, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) sixty Pounds by the Year, and of the Soke there belong to it forty Pounds number'd.

This Mannor was ancient Demeasne of the King; and William Rufus gave it to Bernard de Baliol, whom that King had made Baron of Wsmeil in Northumberland. He was sent with Robert de Bruce, in the third Year of King Stephen, unto David King of Scotland, then advanced with

Inq. 6 R. III.  
Rot. 1, cur.  
recept. Scac.  
Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 523.

his Army to the Banks of *Tetse*, to persuade his Retreat; but not prevailing, he raised all the Power he could make, to oppose him, and at length shared in the Honour of that glorious Victory, which the English obtained by the exemplary Valour of *William* Earl of *Albemarle*, and other valiant Men of those Parts near *North Alberton*, in that memorable Battle fought upon the 11th of the Calends of *September*, called the Battle of the *Standard*: But after this Engagement for King *Stephen*, the Earls of *Gloucester* and *Chester*, General of that Army raised on the Behalf of *Maud* the Empress, Anno 1142, 7 *Steph.* took the King and him Prisoners: He with the Consent of *Ingelram* his Son gave Lands of the yearly Value of 15*l.* lying in *Wetmore*, a Member of *Witchin*, and King *Stephen* confirmed the Grant; but it seems this *Ingelram* died without Issue in the Life-time of his Father, for upon the Death of his Father

*Hand. of  
Witchin.*

*Bar. vol. 1,  
fol. 523.*

*Ibid.*

*Eustace de Baliol* succeeded; He gave one hundred Pounds for a License to marry the Widow of *Robert Fitzpiers*, and had Issue

*Hugh de Baliol*, of whom 'twas certified that he held the Barony of *Wiltell* of the King, by the Service of five Knights' Fees, and to find thirty Soldiers for the Guard of *Nettastle* upon *Tine*, and held this Lordship of *Withe*, in Capite of the King, as an Augmentation of his Barony by the Service of two Knights' Fees; He had a fair Estate, for upon levying the Scutage of *Wales*, Anno 13 *Joh.* he answered for thirty Knights' Fees, and in the 17th Year of the same King he was in great Favour with him: He was also very serviceable to King *Henry III.* who in the fourth Year of his Reign gave him the Lordship of *Merte* for his better Support.

*John de Baliol* his Son and Heir paid Anno 13 *H. III.* one hundred and fifty Pounds for his Relief for the thirty Knights' Fees which he then held: He married *Dervorguill*, one of the three Daughters and Heirs to *Alan* of *Galloway*, (a great Baron in *Scotland*;) by *Margaret* the eldest Sister of *John Scot*, the last Earl of *Chester*, and one of the Heirs of *David*, sometime Earl of *Huntingdon*, by Reason whereof he was seized of *Galloway* in *Scotland*, and had in her Right an Assignment of the Mannor *Chorkesey* in the County of *Lincoln*, the Fee-farm of *Cernemuth* in *Hertford*, and *Rudlingland* in *Suffolk*, until the King should make them a reasonable Exchange of other Lands in Satisfaction of her Part of the Earldom of *Chester*: He stoutly assisted that King against the rebellious Barons in that great Defeat given to them at *Northampton*, Anno 48 *H. III.* but fighting again soon after, on the Behalf of the King at *Leves*, was taken Prisoner with the King in that

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fatal Battel, but it seems he made his Escape soon afterwards: For *Monford*, Earl of *Leicester*, having there got the King into his Custody, and made all *England* subject to him, excepting the utmost Parts of the North, which opposed his usurped Power: At the Instigation of the King of *Scots*, and this valiant Lord *John de Balioll*, and by the Assistance of the other northern Barons, he raised a great Force, and redeemed the King: At length he died, *Anno 53 H. III.* seized of this Mannor, leaving

*Hugh* his Son and Heir, 28 Years old, who then doing Homage, had Livery of his Land: But *Devorguill* his Wife surviving, this Mannor of *Witchin*, with several other Lordships, were assigned to

*Devorguill* for her Dower, who held it *Anno 6 Edw. I.* of the King in *Capite*, by the Service of one Knights' Fee and an Half, and it was then valued at 40*l. per Annum*; after her Decease, this Mannor descended to

*Alexander de Balioll* the second Son of *John, Hugh* his elder Brother being dead; he held it in Gross, at length dying without Issue *Anno 7 Edw. I.*

*John de Balioll* succeeded him, and married *Isabel*, the Daughter of *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surrey*, was one of the chief Competitors for the Crown of *Scotland*, *An. 19 Edw. I.* and the Decision being, by the joynt Consent of all, reffer'd to the King of *England*, the Right was adjudged to this *John*, who thereupon obtained the Kingdom of *Scotland*; and his Barony and Estate, with the Dignity, devolved to the Crown of *England*, where, I believe this Mannor continued until the 14th Year of King *R. II.* when it was then called in the Record *Wychen*, and valued at 100*l. per Annum*; and that King granted it to

*Bar. of Engl.*  
vol. 2, fol. 155,

*Pat. 9 R. II.*  
n. 26.  
*T. Wals. fol.*  
386, n. 30.

*Pat. 20 R. II.*  
P. 1 M. 38.  
*Exc. 3 H. IV.*  
n. 35.  
*Holl. fol. 520,*  
n. 30.

*Cert. 13 R. II.*  
n. 5.  
*Bar. of Engl.*  
vol. 2, fol. 156.

*Edmund de Langeley* the fifth Son of *Edw. III.* and Earl of *Cambridge*, in Part of Satisfaction of 1000*l. per Annum* promised to him upon his Advancement to the Dukedom of *York*, to which Dignity he was promoted 9 *R. II.* when the King girted him with the Sword, and put a Cap on his Head with a Circle of Gold, at *Woselow-Lodge* in *Wiltshire*. He was constituted Lieutenant of *England*, *Anno 18 R. II.* whilst the King was in *Ireland*, and during that time called a Parliament in *London*. Afterwards he was made Lieutenant again of this Realm, *Anno 20 R. II.* and died the first of *August*, 3 *H. IV.* seized of this, (among many other Mannors) then called by the Name of *Wychen*, and left

*Edward* Earl of *Wutland* his Son and Heir, then thirty Years of Age: He was created by Patent, dated 25 *Febr. 13 R. II.* Earl of *Wutland*, to hold that Title no longer than his Father's Life; but having treated of this Duke before in the Parish of *Ansby*, and shewed that he was restored to the Dutchy of *York*, married *Philippa* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *John Lord Mohun*, died valiantly in that

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famous Battel of Agincourt, without Issue; that *Richard* his Nephew, Son to *Richard* Earl of Cambridge his younger Brother was his next Heir, succeeded him, married *Ciceley* Daughter to *Ralph Nevill* Earl of Westmorland, was slain at *Marston*; that *Edward* Duke of York, his second Son, was his Heir, and obtained the Crown from King *H. VI.* I shall refer the Reader thither, and proceed: That this King *Edw. IV.* by Letters Patents dated 1 *Regni sui*, granted to his most dear Mother *Cicilia*, Dutchesse of York, the Mannor of *Letchlade*, with the Appurtenances in the County of *Gloucester*, the Mannor and Lordships of *Hitchin*, *Anstey*, *Standon*, and *Popes-hall* in this County, and the Mannor of *Footringay* in the County of *Northampton*, for the Term of her Life. She enjoy'd the Profits of all these Mannors until the 11 *Hen. VII.* 1496, when she died, and they reverted to the Crown, where this Mannor has remained to this Day, several Queens of England having since that time successively enjoyed it, as Parcel of their Jointures.

This Mannor hath Jurisdiction of Court Leet and Baron; it extends into several other Parishes near adjoining, and the Courts have been usually held every Year after the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, where two Constables have been yearly chosen for the Town, and two for the Forein; two Headboroughs for *Hancroft* Ward, two others for *Bridge* Ward, and two others for *Taplehouse-street* Ward; also two Leather-sellers, two Ale-tasters, a Bell-man, and an Heyward, have been yearly elected there.

The Inhabitants within this Leet have, time out of Mind, yearly paid to the Lord of this Mannor, at every Court Leet, the Sum of 40*s.* for a common Fine, whereof the Inhabitants within *Hitchin* Portman pay 12*s.* within *Hitchin* Forein, 12*s.* within the Hamlet of *Langley*, 7*s.* within *Stiley*, 4*s.* within *Winch-hill*, 2*s.* and *Standon-end*, 3*s.* which common Fine in some Places, is called *Capitagium*, in other Places, *Certum Letæ*, and is a certain Sum of Money, which the Resiants and Inhabitants have, by Custom paid to the Lord at the Leet, in Regard that his Predecessor had purchased the same to discharge them from their Attendance at the Sheriff's Turn, which was a great Ease to them; or in Respect that the Lord of the Leet was obliged to claim his Liberty at his own Costs and Charges, whensoever the Justices in *Eire* should come: and the Lords of this Mannor have allowed the Steward 60*s.* yearly for his Fee, the Bailiff 100*s.* for his Fee, and 100*s.* more for the Dinner of the Steward, Jurors, and Homagers.

The Fines upon Admissions to Copihold Estates are certain, by the Custom, *viz.* the Moyety of a Year's Quitrent for the Admission either upon Descent, Alienation, or other Change, or upon a License to Demise.

The King, in Consideration of 26*l.* granted *An. 6 Jac. I.*

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all the Wood, Timber-trees growing, or which shall hereafter grow, upon any of the Copihold Lands within this Mannor, to certain Trustees, for the Benefit and Use of the Copiholders within this Lordship.

*The Mannor of the Rectory of HICHE.*

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 380.*

**KING William Rufus** gave the Church of *St. Andrews* of *Hiche*, with the Chappels, one Virgate of Land worth 40*l. per Annum*, the Tythes, and all the Liberties thereunto belonging to the Church of *St. Mary de Edeinstote*, and the Nuns there; afterwards *King H. II.* confirm'd the Gift, and the Abbess of *Elnestote* claimed at *Wentford*, before *John de Reygate* and others, Justices Itinerants, in a *Quo Warranto* brought *Anno 6 Edw. I.* by the Grant of *H. III.* Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangthef, and Discharge from all Aides, Gelds, Danegelds, Assizes, Hidages, Murders, Pleas, and from all Actions, Complaints, Scutages, Ward-peny, and upon View of the Grant, they were allowed; and whilst they were possess'd hereof, this Church was rebuilt, and dedicated to the Honour of the Virgin *Mary*, the particular Saint of their Monastery; but when the fatal Year of their Dissolution happened, this Rectory came to the Crown, and *King Henry VIII.* bestowed it upon his own Foundation, dedicated it to the *Holy Trinity* in *Cambridge*, to hold of the King in free Socage, as of his Mannor of *East Greenwich* in *Kent*; and the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of the same Colledge, are the present Possessors hereof.

*Inq. 6 Ed. I.  
Rot. 6, cur.  
recept. Scac.*

*The Mannor of MOREMEAD*

**LIES**, like the last Mannor, promiscuously among the Lands within the Mannor of *Hitchin*, from whence, doubtless both these Mannors were at the first derived; most of the Lands belonging to them are freehold, and *Sir Ralph Ratcliffe* is the present Possessor hereof.

*The Priory of WHITE CARMELITES.*

*Weav. Acts  
and Mon. fol.  
596,*

**IN** this Town *John Blomvill*, *Adam Rouse*, and *John Cobham* founded a Priory of *White Carmelites* of the Order of *St. Benedict*, dedicated it to the Honor of our alone Saviour and the blessed Virgin, and *King Edward* confirmed the Grant: These Friars held this House until the 9th of *May*, *Anno 21 H. VIII.* when they surrender'd it into the Hands of that King; it was then valued at no more than 4*l. 9s. 4d.*

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol.  
1041.*

*King H. VIII.* suppress this Fraternity of the *Carmelites*, and granted by Patent dated 22d *July*, 38 *H. VIII.* the Scite of the House to *Edmund Watson* and *Henry Herdson* in Fee, who conveyed it to

*Cur. Aug.*

*Ralph Radcliffe*, the Son of *Thomas Radcliffe*, descended from a younger Brother, sprung from *Radcliffe Tower*, others say, from *Ordball* in *Lancashire*, and married *Eliza-*

*beth* the Daughter of ——— *Marshall*, in this Town, Gentleman; by whom he had Issue three Sons, *Ralph*, *Jeremy*, *Edward*, and *Elizabeth* Wife to *William Fryar* of *Stebning*; He lived here above the Space of twenty three Years, and laid the Foundation of an Estate; then died *An. 1559*, 1 *Eliz.* leaving the Care of his Children during their Minority to the Government of his Wife, who survived him, and afterwards married *Thomas Norton*, Gent. from whom the *Nortons* of *Cherry* descend.

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Bedford.*

*Ralph Ratcliffe* was his Heir, a Member of the *Inner Temple*, where he improved his time in the Study of the Common Law; was Reader there in Autumn, *Anno 1541*, 33 *Eliz.* double Reader to that Society in the *Quadragesimes*, 1600, 42 *Eliz.* and Treasurer of that House the Year following; also one of the Justices of the Peace for this County: He married *Elizabeth* the Relict of *William Wilcocks*, Esq. and Daughter of *John Edelphe*, by whom he had six Children, all whom died in his Life-time, and *Elizabeth* his Wife deceased *Anno 1597*, 39 *Eliz.* He lived a Widower about the Space of twenty four Years, during which time, he greatly augmented his Estate by the Practice of the Law, departed this Life in *January, Anno 1621*, 19 *Jac. I.* and leaving no Issue,

*Orig. Jurid.*  
fol. 166, 167,  
171.

*Edward*, one of his Brother's Sons, was his Heir, and married *Anne* one of the Daughters of *Sir Robert Chester* of *Royston*, in this County, Kt. who was a virtuous and religious Woman, a wise and indulgent Wife, courteous and obliging to her Neighbours, knowing and skilful in Chirurgery, always ready to help the lame and indigent, bountiful and charitable to the Poor; kept her Family in great Order, govern'd it with much Discretion, and died about the Year 1656, to the great Grief of all that knew her; and he deceased on the fifth Day of *October, 1660*, being at that time about seventy Years of Age.

*Ralph Ratcliffe*, the Son of *Ralph*, the youngest Son of *Sir Edward Ratcliffe*, was his Heir, and married *Anne Pigot*, one of the Daughters of *John Pigot* of *Abington* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq. and *Frances* his Wife, by whom he had Issue *Edward*; this *Ralph* was knighted on the 18th of *February, Anno 1667*, by *King Charles II.* After the Decease of *Anne*, he married *Sarah* the Daughter of ———, and after her Death, *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *Sir John Musters* of *London*, Kt. and Widow of *Sir Richard Spencer* of *Cherry*, Bar. He is the present Possessor hereof, and gives, *Argent, two Bends engrail'd Sable.*

#### *The Priory of NEWBIGGING.*

THERE was another small Priory founded in this Town, called *Newbigging*, of the Order of *St. Benedict*, valued at

*Hund. of  
Wichin.*  
*West. Mon.*  
fol. 548.  
*Mon. Angl.*  
fol. 1041.

the Suppression to be worth 15*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* but in the Catalogue at the End of the *Monasticon*, no more than 13*l.* 16*s.* and since the Dissolution, King *H. VIII.* by Charter, dated the first of *August*, 36 *Regni sui*, granted the Scite of this Priory to

*John Coke* and his Heirs; In the time of *Edw. VI.* it was conveyed to

*Thomas Parrys*, to hold of the King, by the yearly Rent of 1*l.* 11*d.* and these Lands have been since granted to divers Persons, among whom *Mr. Joseph Kemp*, Master of Arts, and Schoolmaster in this Town, purchased some Part of them, and did convert the House into a School in the Year 1655, and devised it among several other Lands in *Wichin*, to charitable Uses.

This Town is situated in a Vale at the Foot of a great Hill in the Champion Country, which secures it from the cold Easterly Winds, is water'd with a small River termed the *Wiz*, and contains three Wards, *Mancroft Ward*, *Bridge Ward*, and *Cple-house-street Ward*, is reputed the second Town in this County for the Number of Streets, Houses, and the Multitude of Inhabitants; heretofore it has been accounted famous for the Staple Commodities of this Kingdom; and divers Merchants of the Staple of *Calice* have resided here; therefore I think it may be some Satisfaction to the Reader to shew what these Merchants were

A Merchant was a Person who transported the Merchandize, Ware, or Goods of his own Country, over the Seas, into a foreign Country; where he sold them by wholesale, for ready Money, or exchanged or bought other Commodities there, and imported them to his Warehouse in his own Country.

Staple signified a City or Town, whither the Merchants of *England*, by Order or Command, carried their Wooll, Woollfells, Cloaths, Lead, Tin, and such like Commodities of this Land for Sale by the Great; and in the Saxon Language signified the Stay or Hold of a thing, because the Place is certain and settled; in the French 'tis called *Estate*, which signifies *Forum Vinarium*; because the French Merchants meet the English Merchants at those Places, where they brought their Commodities to trade and traffick with them, which consisted chiefly in Wines; and *Dr. Cowell* thinks this the truer, because these Words are written in French in the *Mirrouir of the World*, *A Calais y avoit Estate de la laine*, &c. which is the Staple of Wool at *Calais*.

In ancient time, when Staple Towns and Cities were appointed in foreign Parts, Merchants carried away the Trade of Wooll, Leather, and Woollfells hence into those Countries, where those Staples were held, which much enriched

*Mag. Chart.*  
cap. 23.  
*Stat. 9 H. III.*  
cap. 1.

those People with our native Commodities, and impoverish-  
ed our own; for which Reason divers Laws were made to  
encourage Merchant Aliens to reside and keep their Mar-  
kets here: But when these Laws obtained not that Effect  
which was designed, King *Edward* appointed that the Sta-  
ple for English Wooll, Leather, Woollfell, and Lead, should  
be held for England at *Newcastle upon Tyne, York, Lin-*  
*coln, Norwich, Westminster, Canterbury, Chichester, Win-*  
*chester, Exeter, and Bristol*; for Wales at *Caermarthen*; and  
for Ireland at *Dublin, Waterford, Cork, and Drogheda*,  
and not elsewhere; that in every Staple Town, there should  
be a Mayor and two Constables; the Mayor should be yearly  
chosen, as well by the Aliens as Denizens. The Mayor and  
Constables had Power to keep the Peace, to arrest Offend-  
ers for Debt, Trespass, or Contract, to imprison and punish  
them according to the Law of the Staple, and had a Prison  
for that Purpose. The Mayor was also authorized to take  
Recognizances for Debt in the Presence of one of the Con-  
stables, and had a Seal to seal every Obligation upon such  
Recognizance, and after Default of Payment, the Mayor  
could imprison the Debtor, arrest his Goods, and sell them  
for the Satisfaction of the Creditors; but if the Debtor  
could not be found within the Staple, the Mayor return'd  
the Obligation into *Chancery*, whence issued out a Writ  
against the Debtor, his Lands, Goods, and Chattels, re-  
turnable there, and Execution was awarded thereupon as  
the Statute Merchant directed. In every Staple there  
were Correctors appointed, to record Bargains between  
Buyers and Sellers, and a certain Number of Porters,  
Packers, Winders, and other Labourers of Wooll and  
Merchandize; and all Officers of the Staple were duly  
Sworn before the Mayor, to execute their several Offices.

When any Merchandize was to be exported, it was first  
brought to the Staple, weighed by the Standard, and every  
Sack or Sarplet of Wooll was sealed under the Seal of the  
Mayor, who took an Oath of all Merchants that transported  
Merchandize, that they held no Staple thereof beyond the  
Seas: these Mayors and Constables had only Conusance  
of Debts, Covenants, Contracts, and all other Pleas touch-  
ing Merchandizes, and the Surety thereof between known  
Merchants.

The Staple was removed from *Calais* to the Towns nam-  
ed for England in the Statute of the Staple, 27 *Edw.* III.  
by the Statute made *Anno* 14 *R.* II. and Recognizances  
taken before the Mayor of the Staple at *Calais*, were made  
effectual in England, *Anno* 10 *H.* VI. and the Merchants  
that resided here conveyed their Commodities to the Sta-  
ple at *Calais*, and were sworn before the Mayor and Consta-  
bles there, to maintain the Laws and Usages of the Staple,

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14 *Ed.* III.  
Parl. 2, cap. 2.  
25 *Ed.* III.  
*Stat.* 4, 2.  
*Stat.* 27 *Ed.*  
III.

*Stat.* 36 *Ed.*  
III. cap. 7.

*Stat.* 14 *R.* II.  
cap. 1.

*Stat.* 10 *H.* VI.  
cap. 1.



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Witchin.*

which might be the Reason why these Merchants styled themselves, *Mercatores Stapulae Villæ Calisiae*.

For the better Incouragement of Trade in this Town, the Inhabitants have used to hold a Market here every *Tuesday* in the Week by Prescription free from the Payment of Toll for any Sort of Corn or Grain sold here: also three Fairs every Year, one on *Easter Tuesday*, another on *Whitsun Tuesday*, and another on the 13th of *October*, for the Sale of all Manner of Cattle, Corn, Grain, and other Merchandize, paying Piccage and Stallage of the Markets and Fairs, to the Lord of the Mannor of *Witchin*.

**T**HIS Vicaridge, Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 35l. 6s. 8d. whereof the Master and Fellows of *Trinity Colledge* in Cambridge are Patrons.

*A Catalogue of the Names of the VICARS of Witchin.*

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>J. Sperehawke</i> , oblit 1474  | <i>Will. Lyndall</i> , D. D. 1636 |
| <i>James Hert</i> , B. D. 1498     | <i>Mr. King</i>                   |
| <i>William Claphill</i>            | <i>Mr. Thomas Kidner</i>          |
| <i>Mr. Chambers</i> , M. A.        | <i>Mr. Johnson</i> , M. A.        |
| <i>Alured Birthie</i> , 1562       | <i>Mr. William Gibe</i> , M. A.   |
| <i>John Hudleston</i> , 1603       | <i>Mr. Francis Bragge</i> , B. D. |
| <i>Stephen Peirce</i> , D. D. 1620 |                                   |

This Church is situated near the Middle of the Town, 'tis a fair Building, containing in length one hundred and fifty-three Foot, in breadth sixty-seven Foot, with three fair Chancels, and a square Tower about twenty one Foot diameter, in which hang a deep Ring of six Bells, cast in the Year 1689, with a short Shaft or Spire erected upon the Tower; which Church was anciently dedicated to the Honour of *St. Andrew*; but as the Church of *St. Mary's the Less* in *Wetfort*, upon the rebuilding thereof, was dedicated *de novo* to *St. John*; so this Church, upon the like Occasion, was dedicated again to the Virgin *Mary*.

*Mon. Angl.*

In the Middle Chancel lyes a Stone with this Inscription.

3 August 1654.

*Senam suam hic depositum*

*Exiit*

*Magni Nominis*

*Josephus Kempe.*

*Qui*

*Omnes Terras suas Aedes ac Redditus in Witchin ad valorem Librarum plus mille in Egenorum istius Oppidi Liberorum in bonis Literis et Artibus ingenus profectionem nec non Viduarum sustentationem pie consecravit et inperpetuum munificè donavit.*

*Ne pereat Populus populi res condidit Olim*

*Egypti Joseph noster at ille suas*

*Cujus Opes dilant inopes tenet Ossa Sepulchrum*

*Atqui Animam Omnipotens Anglie nomen habet*

*Hoc Mnemosynum*

*Anna*

*Relicta ejus Observantissima*

*Lachrymis posuit*

1655.

On the North Side of the same Chancel, lies a Marble with this Inscription.

*Depositum Viri Omni memoria Dignissimi Thomæ Kidneri Collegii Magnæ Academiae, Oxon. in Artibus Magistri hujus Ecclesiæ quondam Vicarii.*

*Ἐξεῖν· ἦν δ' ἀρχὴν· ὁ καὶόμεν· κ'· φαίον.*





*In Righam Gledham Agro Hertfordiensi omnes quas habuit Terras ad Annualium Reddittum 24 Librarum Scholæ Libræ hujus Oppidi Testamento donavit; Quibus decem Egenorum Liberos per Scholarchas ibidem erudendos libere in perpetuum curavit.*

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*Kidnerum quaris! Terras has ipse reliquit  
Sedibus Æthereis jam sibi parva Domus  
Sint nihili terrenas ibi modo morte parâris  
Christum sic docuit sic obiitque pie  
Ultimo die Augusti.*

1676.

*Imitand. Posteris.*

Another Stone has this Inscription.

*Fallicem expectans Resurrectionem sub hoc Marmore requiescit in Dominio  
Corpus Mri. Roberti Lucas Senioris obiit viceesimo septimo die Jannarii,  
Ann. Domini 1678. Etatis suæ 60. Emulandum hic dam vixit.*

*Pietatis, et Justitiæ,  
Honestatis et Industriæ,  
Charitatis et Beneficentiæ,  
Se præbuit Exemplum Viciniis.*

A large Stone there has these Words engraven'd upon it.

*Hic jacet ————— quondam fteratoris Stipula Villa Calesiæ, qui  
obiit 19 die mensis Aprilis, Ann. Dom. 1452. et pro anima Aliciæ Maris  
ejus, quæ obiit die ————— mensis, 1400.*

Another Marble there says,

*Hic jacet Jacobus Hert, in Theologia Baccalaureus, ac Vicarius hujus  
Ecclesiæ, qui obiit, 23 Jan. 1498.*

Here lyes a Marble, which sets forth these Words,

*Orate pro animâ Johannis Sperehawke, hic jacentis quondam Doctoris  
Theologiæ ac Canonici Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Wellon, et nuper istius  
Ecclesiæ Vicarii, qui obiit undecimo die mensis, Septembris, Ann. Dom.  
MCCCCLXXIV.*

In the North Chancel, you may view a Stone which says,

*Gulielmus Clophill, et Petronella Maror ejus, qui quidem Gulielmus nuper  
Vicarius hujus Ecclesiæ —————*

Another Marble tells you,

*Hic jacet Johanna quondam Maror Johannis Flexman, quæ obiit —————*

*Another Stone has this,*

*Here lieth Stephen Fox, Gentleman, and Mary his Wife, which Stephen  
deceased 7 Aug. in the Year of our Lord God, 1582. and Mary 25 day  
of Jan. 1581.*

In the South Chancel there is a Monument raised from the Ground from which the Brasses and Arms are taken away, but the Inhabitants there do believe, that it was the Monument of Sir John Sturgeon, Kt. who lived in the Reign of Richard III. was Sheriff of this County, and a Man of great Account at that time.

*In the South Chancel a Monument erected in the Wall, at the  
East End thereof, speaks thus,*

*Here lieth the Body of Ralph Ratcliffe, Gentleman, whose Wife was  
Elizabeth, Daughter of ——— Marshall, Gentleman, by whom he had  
three Sons, Ralph, Jeremy, and Edward, whom having left to the care  
of his Wife, (who was afterwards married to Thomas Norton, Gent. from  
whom the Nortons of Olney descended.) He departed this life in the  
40th year of his Age, in the Reign of Henry VIII. He came out of  
Lancashire, where his Ancestors were antiently seated; one of whom  
was Richard Radcliffe of Radcliffe Colver, who lived there in the  
Reign of Edward III. having three Sons, from the eldest of which did*

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descend the Right Honourable *Robert* (first) Earl of *Summer*, of that Family; from the youngest, Sir *John Radcliffe* of *Goodsell*. This *Ralph Radcliffe* was Son of a younger Brother, and who by Grant of *Henry VIII.* to whom the *White-Friers* of *Hitchin* surrendered their Priory, had the same confirmed to him, which he enjoyed fourteen years, and was then here interred in the year 1559. leaving this and the rest of his Estate to descend to *Ralph* his eldest Son.

*In the second Column.*

Here lie the Bodies of *Ralph Radcliffe*, Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, the Relict of *William Wilcocks*, Esq; by whom he had six Children, but all of them short lived. He was Counsellor at Law, a Bencher of the *Inner-Temple*, and a double Reader of that Society, as also for many years a Justice of the Peace of the County, where he survived his Wife twenty four years, who died in 1597. and lived all that time Unmarried, in the enjoyment of a plentiful Estate, with that of a good Conscience, fraught with an humble submission to God, and void of Offence to his Neighbours; hereby being fitted for another World, he departed this life in the threescore and eighteenth year of his Age, and was buried upon the 4th day of *January* in the year 1631. having left his Estate, which he had very much improved, to *Edw. Radcliffe* Esq; his Nephew, whom he had adopted his Son, and lived to see married to *Anne* one of the Daughters of *Sir Robert Chester*, six months before his death.

*In the third Column.*

Here lie the Bodies of *Sir Edward Radcliffe*, Kt. (sworn Servant and Physitian to King *James*) and of Dame *Martha* his Wife, Daughter to *Eliz.* the Wife of his elder Brother *Ralph Radcliffe*, Esq; and one of the Sisters and Coheirs of *John Wilcocks*, Esq; by whom he had the Mannors of *Hampton* and *Coclestomb* in the County of *Kent*, but which was more Dear to him an hopeful issue, viz. three Sons, *Edward*, *Jeremy*, and *Ralph*, and two Daughters, *Martha* and *Elizabeth*, whom having carefully and religiously Educated, he departed this life, aged 78, in hopes of a better, and was buried the 27th of *September*, in the year 1631. his Wife surviving him about 4 years, was upon the 2d of *March* 1636. decently Interred near him, they both leaving their Lands to *Edward* their eldest Son, and him to the Blessing and Providence of God, in whose Service they both lived, and in whose Fear they both died.

*In the fourth Column.*

Here lie the Bodies of *Edward Radcliffe*, Esq; (Son and Heir of *Sir Edw. Radcliffe*, Kt. and Nephew and Heir of *Ralph Radcliffe*, Esq;) and of *Anne* his Wife, one of the Daughters of *Sir Robert Chester* of *Kipston*, Kt. who not having Issue of their own, did both agree upon an Intermarriage betwixt *Ralph Radcliffe* his Nephew and Heir, Son of *Ralph Radcliffe* his Brother, and *Anne Pigot* one of the Daughters of *Frances* her Sister, Wife of *John Pigot* of *Abington* *Pigot* in the County of *Cambridge*, Esq; thus being agreed to unite their Bloods, they settled the Part greatest of their Estate in Trust for them, which Marriage he only lived to see Solemnized, and having survived his Wife four years, departed this life the 5th of *October*, being near 70 years of Age, in the year 1660. In their life time they were very industrious to improve the good and the interest of their Friends, having made the Poor of *Hitchin* no less, by the greatness of their Charity, and all others by the eminent Examples of their Piety.

*Memoria conservanda et Inhumationis magis Decora Causa posuit  
hoc Monumentum et suffossam Cameram Rad. Radcliffe, Miles,  
A. D. 1675.*

On a Monument raised are these Words.

*Hic jacet Thomas Abbot de Hitchin, Mercator, et Johanna Uxor ejus. qui  
quidem Johannes, obiit ultimo die Januarii, Anno Dom. 1481. qui multa*

Dona contulit huic Ecclesie et Fraternitati Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ejusdem Ecclesiæ.

*Hund. of  
Ritchin.*

Hic jacet Thomas Abbot, — qui quidem Thomas erat Filius Thomæ Abbot, sen. et predictus Thomas, obiit 16 Maii, 1493. et dicta die mensis  
1400—

In the Church a fair Stone tells you,

*M. S.*

*Mortuo quietem ne invidetis posteri*

*Hic subtus requiescit Corpus Edwardi Docwra hujus Villa in Domo dicta fraternitatis incolæ; qui filius fuit natu minimus Thomæ Docwra, senioris de Butteridge. armigeri, ob Justitiam, Pietatem, Hospitalitatem, inter ceteros in hoc tractu prænobilis.*

*Fuit Edwardo huic in ætatis flore corpus agile et vegetum, Statura justa, Vultus alacer, Animus fortis, Sermo promptus, Ingenium benignum, Judicium acre, juxta et experientia in rebus iis singulis quæ vitæ hujus vel usum, vel ornatum spectant. Citra avaritia sordida suspitione parvus, pro fortunarum suarum modulo vitam egit splendidam frugi hominum amicus, amicorum amantissimus. Ætate Paulo proventus aliquantum factus oberior, ingenti dolore calculi, diu multumque confictus et tandem oppressus, placidum nihilominus vita exitum consecutus est, pieque in Christo obdormivit die decimo octavo Junii, Anno Dom. 1610. Ætatis suæ 57. prolem masculam reliquit nullam, Filias tres.*

*Et te, Lector, tua sors manet, memento, et vade.*

Another Marble shews this Inscription.

*D. O. M.*

*Proxime hunc Lapidem conditi cinere  
jacent*

*Johannis Skynner, Generos.*

*Qui hujusce loci municeps*

*Ultra 70 annos superavit*

*Equibus 30 totus*

*Manerii Custodia (vulgo Stuartum vocant)*

*Provinciam tenuit*

*In Urbe Northicensi natus*

*Parentibus in re honesta et splendida*

*Homo accerrimo Judicio et summa Fide*

*Juris Præsertim municipalis consultissimus*

*Gratiæque per viciniam concilianda studiocissimus*

*Juxta cubant*

*Mariæ dulcissimæ conjugis reliquiæ*

*per egregium*

*Quod sanctimoniam concordiam, Charitatem mutuum ad*

*Annum usque 6<sup>m</sup>. supra 50<sup>m</sup>. una coluit,*

*Liberos 7. Filias 2. Filas 5 ex se genuit.*

*Uterque nunc fato functus.*

*Ille 16 Decembris, } Anno Dom. { 1660.*

*Illa 6 Junii, } Anno Dom. { 1651.*

*Ætat. { Sui 91.*

*{ Sux 82.*

*Felicias Resurrectionis præmia expectant.*

Other Inscriptions.

Hic jacet Johannis Parmontor, qui obiit Vigilia Nativitatis 143—. Et Margeria Uxor ejus.

Grate pro animabus Richardi Edmunds, fabri (stius Villæ; et Johannis Web; et Margareta Uxoris eorum: quidem Richardus obiit primo die Octobris, Anno 1472. Quorum animabus propitiatur Deus.

In the Middle Isle.

Hic jacet Johannes Pulter, Draper; qui obiit Februarius— 1421. 9 H. V.

*Head of  
Hitchin.*

Another Inscription.

*Hic jacet Johannes Ilom, Filius Thomæ Ilom, Aldermanni London, qui quidem Johannes obiit 1480.*

Of the Earth I was formed, and to the Earth I am returned.

*Hæc lyeth John Wisebeard, and Ellin his Wife, which John dyed 9. April, 1486. and Ellin dyed the 4. day of the same month and year.*

*Hæc lyeth William Pulter, Esq; late of Hitchin, who deceased the 20. of March, in the fifth year of Henry VI.*

Pray ye all for Charity.

*Hæc lyeth William Pulter, Esq; late of Hitchin, who dyed the 23. May, 1549. and in the third year of Edward VI.*

On a Stone Monument raised is this Inscription.

*Hæc lyeth John Pulter, Esq; late of Hitchin, who deceased the 20 day of June, 1486.*

On another Stone.

*Hic jacent corpora Nicol. Mattock, Mercatoris Stapulæ Villæ Collesie ac Civitatis London, ac bona et laudabilis generosæ; Elizabethæ Martis suæ, qui quidem Nicholas obiit ——— die mensis ——— Anno 1400. Et dicta Elizabetha obiit sexto die Septembris 1485.*

*And over the Arms is this Motto.*

*Semper Colitemus.———*

*In the North Chancel.*

To the Pious Memory of *Ralph Skinner*, Gent. who died *June 17 1697.* in the 90. year of his Age. He was for many years a public Blessing, not only to his Parish but the Neighbourhood. So truly Good that the most Censorious could spy out no occasion for Detraction: His Charity so Great, Publick and Private, and so well plac'd, that he was indeed the Patron of the Poor; The Widow and the Fatherless were his Wife and Children, for whom in his Life so at his Death, he made a Bountiful Provision. In the Communion of the Church of England, he lived sincerely up to his Profession and deserv'd the Character of a true Primitive Christian, and as such he dyed in Modest, Humble Hope, and longing Expectation of Eternal Bliss, through the Merits of *Jesus*.

Oh Saviour may we live and die like him!

*Another Monument near it.*

Here under lyeth the Body of *Frances*, Wife of *Ralph Skinner Hyde*, Esq; Daughter of *George Nodes* of *Shephal-bury*. Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, she departed this Life in the 33 Year of her Age, the 24. of April, Anno Dom. 1697.

*At the Foot of their Monument lyes a fair Black Marble Grave Stone under which the Body of the said Frances Skinner lyeth.*

*A Catalogue of the BENEFACTORS to the Church and Poor of Hitchin.*

1591 *William Warren*, Yeoman, gave 20*l.* per Ann. for ever, issuing out of an House in *Cylrhouse-street*, to the Poor.

1609 *Elizabeth Radcliffe*, the Wife of *Ralph Radcliffe*, Esq. gave Money to purchase four Acres of Land for the Relief of the Poor.

1618 *Thomas Whitmore*, Yeoman, gave by his Will 20*l.* with which his Executors by the consent of the Inhabitants of this Town, purchased four Acres of Land near *Balsworth*, for the Use of the Poor for ever.

1625 *Edward Radcliffe*, Esq. Son and Heir of *Sir Edward Radcliffe*, Kt. gave an House in *Cylrhouse-street*, to the Poor for ever.

1635 *James Huckle*, Esq. born in this Town, gave his House and Lands in *Chingfield* in the County of *Berks*, to the Poor of this Town for ever.

1639 *John Mattock* of *Coburny*. Esq. gave two Closes of Pasture towards the Education of Children at the Free-School, for ever.

1653 *William Giver*, Gentleman, gave 4*l.* yearly for ever, to put forth a poor Child of this Town an Apprentice every Year to some Trade.

1655 *Joseph Kempe*, Master of Arts, and Schoolmaster of this Town, gave all his Houses, Lands, and Revenues in *Wittr̄in*, towards the Education of six poor Children in the Free-School, the putting out four poor Children Apprentices every Year, and the Relief of ten poor Widows.

*James Carter* of *London*, Bricklayer, born in this Town, gave the Rent of two Tenements in *Boundsditch* for the Term of a Lease now expired.

1660 *Edward Radcliffe*, Esq. gave 20*l.* towards finishing of the Free-School, and 20*l.* more to purchase Lands to augment the Revenues thereof.

1660 Sir *Thomas Byde*, Kt. gave the two Stone Dials on the South Side of the Church: And in *Anno* 1670, gave the Ground whereon the eight Almshouses are built.

*Thomas Honylove* of *London*, Haberdasher, built the Wall of the Free-School next to the Street.

1668 *John Skynner*, Gentleman, gave by his Will 300*l.* to build Almshouses, 300*l.* to purchase Lands for a Revenue to the same, 100*l.* to put out poor Children Apprentices, 100*l.* to purchase Lands for the educating poor Children in the Free-School, and also an Orchard near the Churchyard; and upon his Death, this Inscription was fixt over the Gate of the Almshouses.

*Deo et Pauperibus*  
*Ædificia hæc dicat sacratque*  
*Johannes Skynner, Generosus*  
*Nihil habuit quod Dei causâ non dedisset*  
*Testamentum condidit verè pium:*  
*Trecentas Libras in fundum erogandas]*  
*Pro perpetuâ harum Ædium dote;*  
*Et*  
*Pomarium cæmeterio affine annualis*  
*Quadraginta solidorum redditus;*  
*Centum Libros hujus Oppidi Ludo Literario*  
*Erudiendis Egenorum Liberis*  
*Et centum Libras denis pueris.*  
*Apud artific. elocandis; et*  
*Decem Libras ad Exequias inter inopes*  
*Distribuendas;*  
*Legata hæc omnia pia mente dedit*  
*Charitatem vel Marmor ipsum*  
*Loquitur.*  
1674.

*Juxta hæc requiescit in Dominio Johannes Skynner, Generosus; vir eruditione spectabilis, moribus honestis, ac per omnia laudandus Legis Communis scientia non modo peritissimus sed et ejusdem usu et praxi longo tempore exercitatusissimus cujus in Clientum causas defendendo, industria quanta fuit. quanta integritas, quanta fides, ut qui ejus uni sunt patrocinio optime prædicare possent, et illius fama nunquam moritura tam remotos quam proximis percrebuit, inter quos officium Seneschalli annos supra viginti fungebatur discretè, pacifice: Ac etiam inter Socios Hospitii Furnivacensis, adeo probatus ut communis omnium suffragia successive seniore[m] Thesaurarium principalem conciperint.*

*Prope et hanc tabulam inhumatur Gratia uxor ejus, Pudicitia, Pietate, Humilitate decora, ex qua genuit duas filias Mariam, Elizabetham, Elizabetha hic subjacet. Maria, Thomæ Byde, Equitis aurato, nupta superest.*

*Obiit hic vicessimo die Martii 1668*  
*Illa: vicessimo tertio Octobris 1681.*

1673 *William Chambers*, Tanner, gave two Tenements in *Back-street* to the Poor of this Town for ever.

1676 *Thomas Kidner*, Master of Arts, and late Vicar of this Town, gave all his Lands in *Wetfordshire*, purchased of *Nicholas Crowch*, to the Free-School in *Wittr̄in* for ever, for the teaching ten poor Children there.

*Hand. of*  
*Wittr̄in.*



*Hand. of  
Hitchin.*

Oliver Clement gave one Annuity or Rent Charge of 6l. 13s. 4d. per An. to the Vicar of Hitchin, and to his Successors for ever, out of certain Houses in the Parish of St. Nicholas, London.

1678 Mr. Robert Lucas, by his Will, gave the brass Branch now hanging in the middle Isle of this Church, to the Use of the Inhabitants of this Town for ever.

*Plate given to the Church.*

Alice Pigot the Widow of Thomas Pigot, Esq. gave one Communion Cup with a Cover.

1635 Mr. Thomas Weale gave one Plate.

Anne Chapman, the Widow of John Chapman, late Rector of the Parish Church of ~~St. Michael~~ in this County, gave one other Piece of Plate.

1635 Dorothy Hill, Widow, gave a silver Bason to receive the Offerings given at every Communion.

Mr. Ralph Skinner, Gent. in his Life-time, repaired the Free-school in Hitchin, and the Dwelling-house belonging to it, which I am informed cost about 300l. and he gave as much more in Portions towards the Maintenance of his poor Relations, and the Relief of the Poor of this Town; And at the time of his Death, he gave by his Will 200l. to purchase Lands for the Maintenance of the Vicar of this Parish Church and his Successors; 400l. more for the building of eight Alma-houses for the Habitation of poor old impotent People of Hitchin, and 400l. more to purchase Lands for their Maintenance in those Houses, 60l. more to bind forth ten poor Children of Hitchin, Apprentices to some Trade, whereby they may gain a Livelihood; 30l. to the Poor of Hitchin, and 5l. a piece to the Poor of the several Towns of Stilton and Clifton in the County of Bedford, and of Barton and Stot St. Lawrence in this County.

**MENLESDENE, PRESTON, and DENSLEY,**  
*are Hamlets within the Parish of Hitchin.*

*Domeid. Lib.  
fol. 132, n. 1.*

*REX* Willielmus tenet Menlesdene pro quatuor hidis se defendebat. Terra est octo Car. in Dominio duo hide et duo virgat. et dimid. et ibi sunt tres car. Presbiter cum octavis Vill. et duobus cotariis habentibus tres car. et adhuc duas possunt fieri, ibi sex servi pratum un. car. pastura ad pecud. Ville Silon trigint. porc. hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Htj, Haroldus Comes tenuit.

*Denselai.*

*Rex* Willielmus ten. Denselai pro septem hidis se defendebat. Terra est vigint. car. in Dominio tres hide et dimid. et ibi sunt tres car. et xix Vill. habentes octo car. et novem adhuc possunt fieri, ibi septem cotar. et sex servi et una Francigena elemosinar. Regis ibi duo molin' de xvi sol. pratum un. car. pastura ad pecud. Ville. Silva ccc porc. in totis valent. reddit per annum quatuordecim lib. arsas et pensatas et quinque lib. ad numerum.

Similiter tempore Regis Edwardi, quando Petrus Vicecomes recepit, hoc Manerium tenuerunt duo Sochm. pro duobus Maneriis de Com' Heraldo tempore Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuerunt. tamen duas averas et duas in warda unus quisque inveniebat in Htj, sed per vim et injuste, ut Hand. testatur. Hec duos Manerios tenuit Ilbertus pro uno Manerio, et inde fuit scisitus per breve Regis quamdiu Vicecomes fuit ut Scyra testatur postquam vero dimisit Vicecomitatum Petrus de Valongies et Radulfus Tailgebosch abstulerunt ab eo Manerio et posuerunt in Htj. propter quod volebat invenire averam Vicecomiti Golsbertus de Bech successor Ilberti reclamavit pro hoc Manerio misericordiam Regis.

*Menlesdene now Minsden.*

King William held Menlesdene, it was rated for four Hides. The arable is eight Carucates, in Demeasn two Hides and two Virgates and an Half, and there are three Carucates, a Presbyter or Parson, with eight Villaines and two Cottagers having three Carucates, and now two more may be made, there are six Servants, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed thirty Hogs. This Mannor did lie and doth lie in Htj. Earl Harold. held it.



TEMPLE

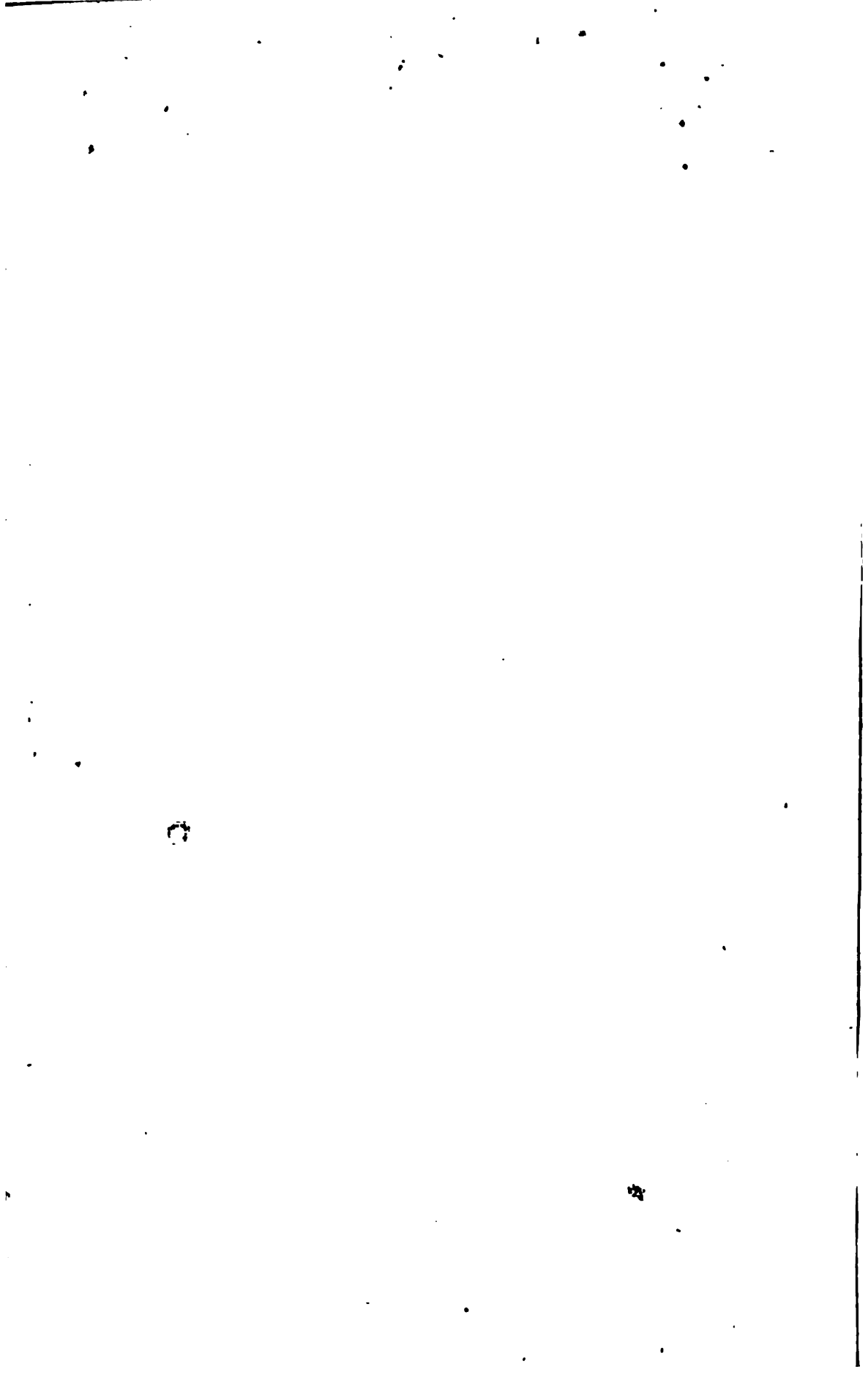
*To the Right Worp.<sup>th</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edwin Sadler,*

*This Draught is*

*Pub.<sup>d</sup> by E. M. Mullinger,*



.E DINSLEY .



*Beneslei now Temple Binsley.*

King William held *Beneslei*, it was rated for seven Hides. The arable is twenty Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides and an Half, and there are three Carucates, and nineteen Villaines having eight Carucates, and nine more may be now made, there are seven Bordars, and seven Cottagers, and six Servants, and one Frenchwoman born an Almswoman of the King; there are two Mills of sixteen Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow one Carucate, common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed 300 Hogs; in the whole Value it yielded by the Year fourteen Pounds burnt and weighed, and five Pounds told.

Likewise in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) when Peter the Sheriff received it; two Socmen held this Mannor for two Mannors of Earl Harold, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) and might sell them, notwithstanding either of them did find two Horses and two Horse trappings in it, but by Force and unjustly, as the Hundred can witness. Herbert held these two Mannors for one Mannor, and was thereof seized by the King's Writ, so long as he was Sheriff, as the Shire can witness; but after he demised the Sherifdom, Peter de Valengies and Ralph Tailgebosch took it from this Mannor and laid it to it; for that he would not find an Horse for the Sheriff; Goisbert de Beck Successor to Herbert did obtain again Judgment of the King for this Mannor.

Barnard Baliol, Son of Guy de Baliol, Lord of the Mannor of *Witchin* gave to the Knights Templers, Land worth 15*l. per annum*, called *Wichelet*, a Member of *Witchin*, and the rough and plain Fields, with the Grove called *flubios*, which Gift was made in the Capital of Rome, where Pope Eugenius was present, on the Octaves of Easter, and at Paris where the King of France the Archbishop of *Sceaber*, *Wardell*, *Rothomage*, *Drascumb*, and 130 Knights Templers clothed in their white Vestments, were present; and Everard de Bretvill, Theodore Waleran, Baldwin Calder, and divers others, were Witnesses, and King Stephen did confirm the Grant.

John de Baliol purchased the Mannor of *Mendlesden* of *Wiat de Bodicot*; but when he obtained the Crown of Scotland, and levied War against King Edward the first, that King seized it into his own Hands, and granted it to Roger le Strange for his Life; afterwards to Robert de Kendall, and Margaret his Wife for her Life, and to the Heirs of their Bodies, upon which Presentment, Sir Edward de Kendall, Kt. Son and Heir of Robert, was impleaded, who said, the Mannor of *Mendlesden* was a certain Hamlet of *Witchin*, and in the Parish, but the Jury found it was in Gross by itself, as was supposed by the Presentment, and not Parcel of the Mannor of *Witchin*, nor at any time was, and that the Mannor of *Mendlesham* was worth 13 Marks by the Year, and the Arable 473 Marks, and Judgment was given for the King.

The Master of the Knights Templers in England claimed by the Grant of Henry III. in all their Lands, divers large Priviledges, with Exemption from all secular Services, Soc, Sac, Toll, Them, Infangeneth, Utfangthef, Hamsocne, &c. and Discharge from all Business in all Places, &c. and Causes &c. and from all Toll and Custom, &c. in as

*Hund. of  
Witchin.*

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 2, fol 523.*

*Hill. 39 Ed.  
III. Rot. 28,  
cur. recept.  
in Scac.*

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. I. Rot 37,  
cur. recept.  
in Scac.*

*Hand. of  
Witchin.*  
Ibid.

ample a Manner as kingly Power can grant to any religious House, and also Free-warren in *Dinsle*, &c.

The Prior of *Wimondley*, held the Scite of the Castle of *Dinsle*, and gave the yearly Rent of 10s. for the same.

An Agreement was made between the Knights Templers, and the Abbess and Nuns of *Elnestone*, by the Assent and Free-will of their Chapters, that the Nuns of *Elnestone*, should find a Chaplain, who should reside at *Dinsle*, and celebrate Mass on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in every Week in the Mornings, and Vespers in the Afternoons, unless it should happen that a Festival should fall in the Week, then that should be accounted one of the three Days; and the Chaplain or Minister of *Witchin*, shall make Oath to the Brethren, for the Performances of these Duties: And the Knights Templers shall pay to the Nuns, with all Integrity, all the Tythes of Corn issuing out of all the Lands, which they plough in *Witchin*, of whom the Church of *Witchin*, or the Church belonging to it was used to have received Tythes, and also of all the Ground newly broken up and sowed.

In *Anno 21 Edw. III.* 'twas found, that the Prior of the Hospital of *St. Johns of Jerusalem*, in *England*, held the Mannor of *Temple Dinsley* with the Appurtenances, which lately was the Templers, in free, pure, and perpetual Alms, of the Heirs late of the Lords of *Witchin*, *Dinsley*, *Furnibal*, and *King's Walden*, by finding yearly two Chaplains to celebrate divine Service in the Chapel of this Mannor for ever, for the Souls of the Feoffees of the Templers for all secular Services.

The Knights Hospitallers held these Mannors until the fatal Year of the Dissolution of Monasteries, when it came to

King *Henry VIII.* who by Letters Patents dated at *Westminster*, the 13th of *March*, 33 *Regni sui*, in Consideration of 843l. 2s. 6d. granted to Sir *Ralph Sadler*, Kt. one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the Mannors of *Temple Dinsley* and *Temple Chelsin*, and all their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, lately belonging to the dissolved Priory of *St. Johns of Jerusalem*, and all the Mesuages, Mills, Buildings, Gardenings, Knight's Fees, Wards, Marriages, Escheats, Reliefs, Heriots, Fairs, Markets, Tolls, Customs, Warrens, Rent-Charges, Rentseck, Annuities, Fee-Farms, Waters, Fishings, Piscaries, Court-Leets, Profits of Courts, View of Franc-Pledge, Fines, Amerciaments, Assize and Assay of Bread, Wine, and Ale, Goods and Chattels, Waifs, Estreats, &c. and all other Rights and Profits, in as full, large, and ample Manner, as the last Prior and his Brethren, or any of their Predecessors enjoyed them, to have and to hold of the King *in Capite*, by the Service of the twentieth Part of a Knight's Fee, rendring yearly to the King 4l. 9s. 4d. at the

Feast of St. *Michael* the Archangel, in Lieu of all Services.

Which Sir *Ralph Sadlier* by Indenture Tripartite, dated the 25th of *October*, in the 12th Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, did covenant to convey this Mannor to Trustees for the use of himself for his Life, without Impeachment of Waste, the Remainder to the Use of *Edward Sadlier* and *Anne* his then Wife, (the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Rich. Leigh*) and to the Heirs of *Edward*, on the Body of the said *Anne*, lawfully to be begotten, and for Want of such Issue to the Use of the said Sir *Ralph Sadlier* for ever.

'Twas found by Inquisition taken at *Hertford*, on Saturday the 2nd of *December*, Anno 35 *Eliz.* that *Edward Sadlier*, Esq. died seized of the Remainder of this Mannor on the 4th of *April*, in the 26th Year of Queen *Elizabeth* and left *Anne* his Wife surviving by whom he had Issue, *Leigh*, *Richard*, *Edward*, and *Thomas* and died in the Lifetime of his Father, afterwards Sir *Ralph Sadlier*, Kt. died seized hereof in the 29th Year of the Queen, after whose Death, *Anne* entered into the Premises, held it for her Life, and upon her Death, the Remainder thereof descended to

*Leigh Sadlier*, who married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of — *Paschall* of *Preston* in the County of *Essex*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas Sadlier*, and one Daughter, *Anne* married to *Edward Aston*, Esq. Brother of *Walter Lord Aston*: He died on the fifth Day of *June*, Anno 30 *Eliz.* seized of this and the Mannor of *Aspley* in the County of *Hertford*, leaving

*Thomas* his Son and Heir, five Years old on the 6th of *April*, Anno 35 *Eliz.* He married *Frances* Daughter of *Francis Berry* of *Wickering Park* in the County of *Hertford*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas* who died in his Infancy, *Edwin*, *Ralph* who died unmarried, *Leigh*, *Edward* who deceased without Issue, *William* married *Sarah* Daughter to *Jasper Symonds*, Minister of *Dabentry* in the County of *Northampton*, *Richard* and *Robert*, both whom died without Issue, and five Daughters, *Elizabeth*, *Frances*, *Anne*, *Jane*, and *Sarah*.

*Edwyn Sadlier* was the Heir, created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 3d of *December*, Anno 1663, 13 *Car.* II. He married *Elizabeth* the eldest Daughter of Sir *Walter Walker*, Kt. Doctor of the Civil Law, by whom he had Issue *Walter*, *Ralph*, both whom died in their Childhood, and *Edwyn*; also two Daughters, *Mary* and *Elizabeth*.

Sir *Edwyn Sadlier* succeeded, and married *Mary* Daughter and Coheir of *John Lorymer*, Citizen, and an Apothecary of *London*, who fined for Alderman of that City, and the Relict of *William Croane*, Doctor in Physick: His Arms are, Or, a *Lyon Rampant per Fesse Azure and Gules*; Crest on a *Wreath a demi Lyon rampant Azure crowned Or*; Motto, *Servire Deo sapere*.





**HIPPOLITS**, vulgarly called **EPPALETS**,  
or **PALLETS**.

*Hand. of  
Witchin.*

THE Church of this Vill was dedicated to a supposed Saint called *St. Hippolits*, from whom this Vill received its Name, who was a good Tamer of Colts, an excellent Horse-leach, and so devoutly honour'd for these Qualities after his Death, that all Passengers that passed that Way on Horseback, thought themselves bound to bring their Steeds to the high Altar in this Church, where this holy Horseman was shrined, and a Priest continually attended to bestow such Fragments of *Hippolits'* Miracles upon their untamed Colts, and old wanton and forworn Jades, as he had in Store, and did avail so much the more or less, as the Passengers were bountiful or hard handed; but he that was niggardly of his Coin, had but a cold and counterfeit Cure. The Horses were brought out of the North Street, through the North Gate, and the North Door of the Church, which was boarded on Purpose to bring up the Horses to the Altar, since which time, the Church has always been boarded. This Vill is situated a Mile distant from *Witchin* towards the South.

Norden, p. 16.

*The Mannor of MAYDECROFT or  
MAYDENCROFT*

IN the time of *Edw. III.* was Parcel of the Possessions of *Sir Robert Nevill of Hornby, Kt.* from whom it came to

*Sir Thomas Nevill*, who had Issue only *Margaret* his Daughter and Heir. She married *Thomas Beaufort*, the youngest Son to *John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster*, by *Katharine Swinesford*, his third Wife, and he did his Homage, *Anno 1 H. V.* and had Livery of her Lands of Inheritance. He commanded the Rereward of the English Army in the Battle of *Agincourt*, and was made Lieutenant of *Normandy* the 28th of *February, 3 H. V.* created Duke of *Exeter* in the Parliament held at *London* about the Feast of *St. Lucy* for his Life, 18th of *November, 4 H. V.* having only a Grant of 1000*l. per Annum*, out of the *Exchequer*, and 40*l. per Annum* more payable from the City of *Exeter*; and he died seized hereof on the 27th of *December, Anno 5 H. VI.* among divers others, at his Mannor-house of *Greenwich*, and was buried at *St. Edmundsbury*, leaving

*John Earl of Somerset* his Nephew, (Son of *John Earl of Somerset* his Brother) his next Heir, at that time twenty four Years of Age.

But I have read nothing more of this Mannor until it came to the Possession of *Ralph Radcliffe*, whom I have spoken of in the Parish of *Witchin*, from whom by meer

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Witchin.*

Assignment, it came to Sir *Ralph Radcliffe*, the present Lord hereof.

This Mannor has Jurisdiction of Court Leet and Baron, and extendeth itself within the Mannor and Parish of *Witchin*; the Fines of the Copiholds upon every Alienation, Descent, or Change, are at the Will of the Lord, and no Tenant may sell and carry away any Timber growing upon any of the Copyhold Lands, without License of the Lord of the Mannor.

*The Mannor of ALMESHOE.*

THE Bishop of *Bayeux*, who was Uncle to *William* the Conqueror, was Lord of this Mannor in those Days, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Epi. Bajocensis*.

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 131, nu. 5.*

*In Almesheu tenet Adam de Ep. Bajocensis unam hidam. Terra est un. car. et ibi est cum tribus Bord. Silva 60 Porc. valet vigint. sol. quando recepit decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi trigint. sol. hanc terram tenuit Edmundus homo Com. Heraldi et vendere potuit.*

The Land of the Bishop of *Bayeux*.

*Adam* held of the Bishop of *Bayeux* one Hide in *Almesheu*. The arable is one Carucate, and it is there with three Bordars, Wood to feed sixty Hogs; it is worthy twenty Shillings a Year, when he received it ten Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) thirty Shillings. *Edmond* a Man under the Protection of Earl *Harold*, held this Land and might sell it.

*MSS. Dom.  
Spencer, Bar.*

This Mannor came to the Possession of *Simon Fitz Ade*, who upon the Day of his Marriage endowed *Fyne* his Wife, *ad Ostium Ecclesie*, Anno 1241, 25 H. III. with this Mannor, the capital Messuage, and all the Lands belonging to it, together with the Advowson of the Church of *Grabelee*, and the Service of *Ralph de Gravelee*, and all his Lands in *Minlexden*, in the Parish of *Witch*, with the Rents and Services, &c. and all he had in *Langlee*, *Estrebnach*, *Offelton*, *Waple*, and *Witchworth*, with all the Demeasn, Rents, and Services, &c. which Deed was attested by twelve Witnesses, who were present at the Marriage, whereof seven were Knights; and of the other five, one was *William* of *Wattfield*, and another was *Roger de Wylie*.

*Anno 24 E.  
III.*

This *Simon Fitz Ade* had Issue Sir *John Fitz Symon*, who received his Sirname from his Father, and upon his Death, he left Issue, *Hugh Fitz Symon*, who also received the Honour of Knighthood, and left Issue Sir *Richard Fitz Symon*, who was installed a Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter; and after he had been possest sometime, he died seized hereof, leaving Issue

*Adam Fitz Symons*, who had Issue *Hugh Fitz Symons*, who left *Edward* and *Nicholas*.

*Edward* was knighted, afterwards died without Issue, then it came to

*Nicholas Fitz Symon* his Brother, and next Heir, who had Issue two Daughters, whereof one had only one Son, who died without Issue, whereupon this Mannor came to

*Elizabeth*, the Grandaughter of the said *Nicholas* by his other Daughter; She married *Thomas Brocket*, Esq. in the time of *H. VI.* who, in Right of his Wife, became Lord of this Mannor; and since it has continued in his Name for divers Generations, which I forbear to mention, for that they are set forth in his Pedigree, which you may read under the Name of the Mannor of *Symondshide* in the Parish of *Hatfield*, and it has always passed with the Mannor of *Symondshide*, through the same Hands, until it came to Sir *John Spencer*, who is the present Lord hereof.

*Hand of  
Hitchin.*

The Lord of this Mannor granted to the Prior and Convent of our blessed Lady next *Hertford*, a Portion of Tythes out of Parcel of the Demeans of this Mannor, before the Council of *Latran*, which was held *Anno 1215*, when the Laity were restrained from giving of their Tythes to any religious Houses, and retaining them in their own Hands, which before that time was usual; but since all these are now become due of common Right to the Minister of the Parish where they arise, excepting Tythes formerly given to some religious Houses, and the Custom of tithing in particular Towns and Places; and these are the Lands that are now exempted from the Payment of Tythes at this Day.

*Thomas* the Prior of the House of our blessed Lady next *Hertford*, and the Convent there, *Anno 1535*, 26 *H. VIII.* by Deed indented and executed under their common Seal, viz. a Lady with an Infant in her Arms, demised to *Edward Brocket*, Esq. all their Tythes of Corn, Grain, Hay, Wood, Wooll, and Lamb, arising within the Parishes of *Hitchin*, *Munsden*, *Langley*, and *Hippolits*, for forty and one Years; which Lease coming to *Edward Brocket* of *Bradfield*, his Son, as Administrator to the Goods and Chattels of his Father, assign'd over the said Term, *Anno 4 Eliz.* to *John Brocket* of *Brocket-hall*, Esq. then Lord of this Mannor.

The Priory at *Hertford* was dissolved, *Anno 27 H. VIII.* and all their Mannors, Lands, Tythes, and Portions of Tythes, were, by Act of Parliament, given to the King and to his Heirs and Successors for ever.

The King, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, *Anno 29 H. VIII.* granted unto *Anthony Denny*, Esq. and *Joan* his Wife, and the Heirs of *Anthony*, the Priory at *Hertford*, together with divers other Mannors and Lands; and among them, the Tythes issuing out of this Mannor, late belonging to the dissolved Monastery, to hold of the King and his Heirs in Capite.

*Henry Denny* and *Edward Denny* of *Waltham*, Esq. *An. 11 Eliz.* sold these Tythes in *Hitchin*, *Munsden*, *Langley*, and *Hippolits*, to Sir *John Brocket* of *Brocket-hall*, Kt. and his Heirs for ever, who died *Anno 40 Eliz.* After his Death, it was found by Inquisition, that Sir *John Broc-*

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*ket* was seized of these Tythes in *Almeshou*, in Fee, and the same were held in *Capite*, and they passed to Sir *Richard Spencer*, who married *Hellen* one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of the said Sir *John Brocket*, and upon the Death of Sir *Richard Spencer*, the like Office was found; and that *John Spencer* was his Son and Heir, who was created Baronet by Patent dated Anno 1626, 1 Car. I. and married the Daughter of Sir *Richard Anderson* of *Penly* in this County, Kt. he levied a Fine Anno 6 Car. I. of the Mannor of *Almeshou*, these Tythes and two Messuages at *Porters-end*, with the Lands belonging to them; and obtained a License to alien to Sir *John Boteler* and *Brocket Spencer*, Esq. the two Messuages, Lands, and the Tythes of Corn, Hay, and Wood, arising in 400 Acres of Land, 40 Acres of Pasture, and 140 Acres of Wood, in *Hippolites*, *Almeshouburg*, *Hitchin*, *Almondley Magna*, *Almondley Parva*, and *Preston*, which were holden of the King in *Capite*; but Sir *John* dying without Issue,

Sir *Brocket* was his Brother and Heir, from whom they came to Sir *Richard*, from him to Sir *John* the present Owner hereof.

THIS Vicaridge, Anno 26 H.VIII. was rated at the yearly Value of 5l. per Annum; The Parsonage is appropriated to the perpetual Use of the Master and Fellows of *Trinity Colledge* in *Cambridge*, who are the Patrons hereof.

#### VICARS.

Mr. *Wilford*  
 Mr. *Henry Sykes*

Mr. *Wharton*  
 Mr. *Gregory*

Mr. *Alyn*  
 Mr. *Ford*.

The Church is erected near the Vill, in the Deanery of *Hitchin*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, where there is a square Steeple, in which are three small Bells, and this Inscription upon a Gravestone in the Chancel.

Here lieth buried the Body of *Alice Hughes*, late Wife of *Rice Hughes*, Citizen and Haberdasher in *London*, by whom he had Issue, one Son and two Daughters all deceased, and lie buried likewise in this Church, at the Chancel Door, she being the Daughter of *Thomas Kybworth* an ancient Dweller in this Parish, she dyed the 13th of *August*, 1594, being of the Age of 29 Years.

Her Body and Bones the Ground doth possess,  
 Her Soul to Heaven is gone for redress:  
 Who living in Life, did die unto Sin,  
 And dying by Death, to live did begin.

### ICKLETON, or ICKLEFORD.

THIS Vill, I suppose, was waste Ground in the time of *William* the Conqueror, for there is no Mention of it in *Domesdei Book*, and I believe it was then comprehended under the Name of *Periton*, for without the Addition of this Vill I cannot find so much Land in *Periton*, as is continued under that Name in *Domesdei*, but when this Ground was improved and became a Parish, it was termed *ickleton*

or **Itchford**, from the old Roman Way called **Itchnal**, and the Ford which crosses the River there.

*Hand. of  
Bitchin.*  
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This Mannor was anciently Parcel of the Revenue of the **Argentines**, of whose Family I have treated in the Parish of **Great Wymondley**, to which Parish I refer the Reader. But this Name expiring through want of Issue Male, about the Reign of **Hen. VI.** it was conveyed to the Crown, where probably it remained till King **Rich. III.** by Letters Patents dated the 4th of **March, 2 Regni sui**, granted the Mannors of **Lutonardwyke**, **Itchford**, and **Periton** in this County, and Lands in **Arlessey** in the County of **Bedford**, (which had been Sir **Roger Towcot's**, Kt.) to Sir **William Meering**, to have and to hold to him, and the Heirs Males of his Body, who, I suppose, married **Agnes**, Heir of **Henry Gloucester** of **Cartolston**, by whom he had Issue

John Meering, who espoused **Katharine**, one of the Sisters and Coheirs of Sir **John Hercy** of **Grebe**, by whom he had **Francis**, **Thomas**, and **John**.

Then it came to the **Dearmans**, an ancient Name in this County, in which Family it remained till about the Year 1580, when **Thomas Auncel** of the County of **Northampton** purchased it, and since that time the Owners hereof have born the Name of **Thomas** for four or five Generations to this Day, **Thomas Auncel** being the present Possessor hereof; was constituted High Sheriff of this County **Anno 1698**, he has Jurisdiction of Court Leet and Baron, all the Tenants being Freeholders.

The Mannor of ROMERICK.

THIS was Parcel of the Possession of the Church of **Ramsay**, and **Anno 8 H. III.** that King made an Agreement at **Reintcasile** upon **Tyne**, between **Aldwin** the Abbot, and **Reinald de Argentuem**, concerning the Mills of **Itchford**, and the Land of the Fee of the Abbot and **Reinald**, to wit, that **Reinald** shall hold the Mill and Lands, and one Part seated in the Fee of **Reinald**, so long as he shall live, and after his Death, the Abbot shall resume the Mill and Land in his Demeasne, with all the Encrease which **Reinald** shall make upon it, and **Gundrit** shall hold the Mill of the Abbot, as he held it of **Reinald**, and if **Reinald** shall die in **England**, he shall be buried in the said Abby, and for this Agreement, **Reinald** shall give to the Abbot every Year, ten Shillings, and the same King confirmed these Gifts and Grants to **Simon**, then Abbot of **Ramsay**, and the Convent of the same Place.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 231.*

Which Abbots held it till the Dissolution of their Church, when it came to the Crown; where this Mannor remained till the time of King **James I.** who **Anno 5 Regni sui**, granted the Court Leet and View of Franc-pledge, of all

*Hand. of
Berthyn.*

the Tenants belonging to this Mannor to the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of *St. John's Colledge in Cambridge*, who are the present Lords hereof.

THE Rectory of this Parish Church, with the Church of *Pirton*, *An. 20 H. VIII.* was valued together in the King's Books at *8l. per An.* whereof *William Deane, Esq.* is Patron.

VICARS.

Mr. Rotheram

Mr. William Goodwin.

This Church is situated in the Middle of the Vill, which is in the Deanery of *Berthyn* in the Diocess of *Berford*; The Church is small, covered with Lead, having a low square Tower without Battlements, at the West End thereof, covered also with Lead, where hangs a Ring of five Bells with a short Spire about four Foot long.

ST. THOMAS CHAPPEL

Is a small Hamlet scituated about two Miles distant from *Berford* Church, severed from any Part of this County about Half a Mile, by the Interposition of the Parishes of *Penlan* and *Stanton* in the County of *Berford*; and, I suppose, was wast Ground in the time of *William the Conqueror*, for there is no Mention of it in *Domesdei Book*, and might then belong to some Mannor in this County, for that Cause made Part hereof, as I have observed some other Hamlets have been, as *Collshill*, &c. and it was denominated from the Chappel, which was dedicated to *St. Thomas a Becket*; but after it came to be improved, it was granted to the Monastery of *Chicksand* in *Berfordshire*, and the Abbots enjoy'd it, until the time of their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown, from whence it was conveyed to the Earl of *Ment* in Exchange for the Mannor of *Steppingle* in the County of *Berford*; from whom it came by mean Conveyance, to *Gray Longueville, Esq.* who is a Branch of that noble Family, and the present Possessor hereof.

In this Hamlet is a pretty Chappel, now converted into a Barn, and has no Relation to religious Offices, more than that the Rector of *St. Peter's*, time out of Mind, beyond the Memory of Man, have read the second Service there upon Ascension Day, after he has performed the first Service, at the Parish Church of *St. Peter's*.

PIRITON, or PIRTON.

KING *William the Conqueror* gave this Vill, then called *Piriton* from one *Peri*, an ancient Saxon Possessor hereof, to *Ralph de Limesie*, a great Man in those Days, as is apparent by the Possessions which he had in divers Counties of *England*, set forth in *Domesdei Book*, among which it is recorded under this Title of *Terra Radulfi Limesie*.

Radulfus de Limesy tenet Beriton pro decem hid. se defendebat. Terra est vigint. Car. in Dominio duo hida et ibi sunt sex car. ibi vigint. quatuor Vil. cum Presbitero et vigint novem Bord. habentes duodecem car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri, ibi unus Miles Anglicus, et unus Sochmannus, cum quatuor cotar. ibi quatuor Molin. de lxxiii sol. et iv denar. in Terra Anglici et Soch. id est ab duabus hid manent un Vil. et octo cotar. pratum decem car. ibi decem Servi pastura ad pec. Vil. silva quingent. porc. de Pastura et silva decem sol. in totis valent valet vigint. lib. quando recepit vigint. duo lib. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. quingue lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Stigandas, Archiep. et ibi fuerunt duo Sochmanni, et adhuc ibi sunt, non potuerunt vendere. Hic de super est dimid. Hundred de Bii.

Ralph de Limesy held *Beriton*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is twenty Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides, and there are six Carucates

*Bar. vol. 1,
fol. 413.
Antiq. of War.
fol. 226, 687.*

there are four and twenty Villains, with a Presbyter or Priest, and nine and twenty Borders, having twelve Carnates, and now two more may be made, there is one Knight, an Englishman born, and one Sochman with four Cottagers, there are four Mills of seventy three Shillings and four Pence Rent in the Land of the Englishman and the Sochman, that is one Villain and eight Cottagers remained of two Hides, Meadow ten Acres, there are ten Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattel of the Vill, Wood to feed five hundred Hogs, of Pasture and Wood ten Shillings Rent; in the whole Value it is worth twenty Pound a Year, when he received it twenty two Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twenty five Pounds. *Stigand* the Archbishop held this Mannor, and there were two Sochmen and now they are there, they could not sell. Moreover this is in the Half Hundred of *Wj.*

*Hand. of
Hertford.*

This *Ralph de Limesy* founded a Church in this Vill, to which he gave two Parts of his Tythes, issuing out of one of his chief Seats, called *Wolbertre*, scituated on the North Part of *Solthul* Parish in *Warwickshire*, from which Place he derived the Title of his Barony.

But afterwards this *Ralph*, having a great Respect to the Abby of *St. Albans*, gave the Tythes of this Church of *Hirton*, and the Church of *Hertford*, which he also built and endowed with divers Lands and Tithes, to that Monastery.

*Hert. vol. 1,
fol 414.
Antiq. of War.*

Alan, who was his Son and Heir, succeeded him, and gave to the Monks at *Hertford*, the Church of *Ichentone*, in the County of *Warwick*, he had Issue *Gerrard* who was his Son and Heir.

Which *Gerrard* married *Amy* the Daughter of *Horne-lade de Bidun*, by whom he had Issue *John*, and *Basilia* who married *Hugh de Odingsels*, Grandson to *Hugh de Odingsels* a Fleming, and *Alianore* who married *David de Linsey* a Scot; and he gave to those Monks at *Hertford*, half a Yard Land in *Hirton*, and a Croft called *Grasscroft* in *Ichetone*, and two Yard Land in *Wickleford*, to pray for the Health of his Soul, and the Souls of *Amy* his Wife, and *John* his Son.

This *John* had Issue *Hugh*, who died in the Life-time of his Father without Issue, and afterwards this Mannor and Barony of *Limesy* came to *Basilia* and *Alianore*, the Sisters and Coheirs of *John de Limesy*, by Reason hereof they were on the 12th Year of King *John*, divided between the said *Basilia* and *Alianore*; and the said *Hugh Odingsells*, and *Basilia* his Wife, paid a Fine of five hundred Marks to the King, for Livery of the Moyety of those Lands by Inheritance, pertaining to her upon the Death of her Brother, *John de Limesy*, lying in the Counties of *Hertford*, *Oxford*, *Warcester*, *Suffolk*, and *Warwick*, and for the Security of the Payment thereof, *Hugh* and *William*, two of his Sons became bound; which *John de Limesy* dyed 9 Rich. I. whereupon *Alice* his Widow married *Walter* Earl of *Warwick*.

*Mon. Angl.
Antiq. of War.
fol. 229.*

This *Hugh de Odingsels* was a Knight, and a Man of

Ibid.

Ibid.

*Hand. of
Witchin.*

great Note in his time, for in 5 of *Hen. III.* he attended the King in Person to the Siege of *Witcham* Castle in the County of *Lincoln*, with considerable Forces, for which he had a Warrant to levy Escuage upon all his Tenants, that held of him by Military Service, he died *Anno 23 H. III.* whereupon *Gerrard* his Son, had Livery of the Lands that were of the Inheritance of *Basilis* his Mother, and held of the King *in capite*, doing then his Homage, and giving Security to the Sheriff of the County for the Payment of fifty Pounds for his Relief.

*Antiq. of War.
fol. 229.*

This *Gerrard Anno 26 Hen. III.* being a Kt. gave a Fine of fifty Marks, to be freed from Attendance upon the King into *Gascoign* towards the Payment whereof, he had Power to levy Escuage upon all the Knights' Fees held of him; he had Summons with many other, and great Men to be at *Oxford*, in *Midlent. Anno 48 Hen III.* sufficiently furnish'd with Horse and Arms, to give the King Advice there, and assist him against *Lewellin* Prince of *Wales*, and his Adherents then in Rebellion.

But the other Moyety of this Estate of *John de Limesy*, came to *Alianore* his younger Sister, who had married *David de Limesy*.

*Rot. Fin. 6
H. III.
Ber. vol. 1,
fol. 796.*

In 6 *H. III.* *Alexander* King of *Scotland*, gave 200*l.* for the Wardship and Marriage of the Heirs of *David de Limesy*, and for all the Lands of their Inheritance, which were the Lands of *John de Limesy* his Kinsman, and lay in the Counties of *Essex*, *Hertford*, *Oxford*, *Warwick*, *Leicester*, *Norfolk*, and *Suffolk*.

*Claus. 25 H.
III. m. 9.*

To whom another *David* succeeded, he died *Anno 25 H. III.* leaving

*Rot. Pip. 33
H III Nor-
thampton.
Ber vol. 1,
fol. 789, 536.*

Gerrard his Brother and Heir, who doing his Homage had Livery of his Lands, but departed this Life without Issue, *Anno 33 H. III.* whereupon

*Esc. 38 H III.
m. 3.*

Henry de Pinkney who had married *Alice*, his Sister and Heir, and paying fifty Pounds for his Relief, for her Moyety of the Barony of *Limesy*, had Livery thereof, he died *Anno 38 H. III.* leaving

*Claus. 42 H.
III. indorso.
m. 11.*

Henry his Son and Heir, 26 Years of Age, who performing his Fealty, and paying one hundred Pounds for his Relief, had Lands, he was commanded to fit himself with his Horse and Arms *Anno 42 H. III.* to attend the King at *Chester*, upon *Monday* preceding the Feast of *St. John Baptist* to restrain the *Welch* in their Hostilities. But shortly after this Moyety of the Mannor came to the Possession of *William de Odingsels*, and *Gerrard Odingsels* dying seized of the other Moyety of this Mannor, *Anno 50 H. III.* his Heir not then of full Age, the Custody of him and his Lands, then held of the King *in Capite*, were granted to *Edmund*, (surnamed *Crouchback*) the King's Son.

The next Year *Hugh Odingsels* accomplit his full Age,

for then he did his Homage and had Livery of his Land, and I find that soon after that this Mannor was held of the Barony of ~~Wulberly~~, whereof *Hugh Odingsels* held his own Moyety, and *William de Odingsels* held the other Moyety thereof, by the Service of two Knight's Fees; the whole Mannor was then valued at 80*l. per Annum*, and they paid to the Sheriff for the View of Franc-pledge 5*s.* they claimed to have Gallows, Tumbrel, and Correction of the Assize of Bread, and Ale; *Hugh* died seiz'd hereof, Anno 33 *Edw.* I. leaving

*Hund. of
Ritchin.
Antiq. of War.
fol. 230.*

*Quo Warr. 6
E. I.*

Exc. 33 E. I.

John his Son and Heir, then 28 Years of Age, who being one of those that assisted the Earls of ~~Warwick~~ and ~~Lancaster~~, in the Murder of *Piers de Gavestone*, Anno 7 *Edw.* II. had the King's Pardon for that Fact, in 9 *Edw.* II. He was made a Knight, and died the 10th of *Edward* III. leaving Issue,

Pat. 7 E. II.

John his Son and Heir, then 24 Years of Age, who was also a Knight, Anno 25 *Edw.* III. but for divers Felonies and Seditions, was shortly after outlawed; whereupon his Lands were seized into the King's Hands, and extended; he married *Amy* the Daughter of *Roger Corbet*, and he dyed Anno 27 *Edw.* III. leaving

John his Son and Heir, sixteen Years of Age, who An. 31 *Edw.* III. gave a Fine to the King of 200 Marks, for License to marry whom he pleased, so he continued in his due Allegiance, at which time he did his Homage and had Livery of his Lands; he was knighted Anno 32 *Edw.* III. he dyed 4 *R.* II. leaving

John his Son and Heir, 15 Years of Age, who did his Homage, had Livery of his Lands, Anno 9 *R.* II. also the Honour of Knighthood, and dyed Anno 5 *H.* IV. leaving

Edward his Son and Heir, then in Minority, who accomplished his full Age, Anno 3 *H.* V. was knighted Anno 6 *H.* V. and much honour'd with several Employments of Note; he married *Margaret* Daughter to *John Cokaine* of ~~Burghatley~~, in the County of ~~Bedford~~, by whom he had *Gerrard*; Anno 6 *Edw.* IV. dyed leaving

Exc. 6 E. I.

Gerrard his Son, 35 Years of Age, who had Issue by *Margaret* his Wife, *Edward*; and died about the 8th Year of *H.* VII. leaving

Edward within Age, who accomplishing his full Age, Anno 9 *H.* VII. had then Livery of his Lands; he was a Justice of the Peace for the County of ~~Warwick~~, from 17 *H.* VII. till the time of his Death, and married *Anne* the Daughter of *Richard Verney* of ~~Compton Marvat~~ in the County of ~~Warwick~~, Esq. by whom he had Issue *Edmund*.

*Pat. 9 H. VII.
Ibid.
Exc. de eodem anno.*

But afterwards one Moyety of this Mannor came to the Possession of *Samuel Marow* of ~~Berkswel~~ in the County of ~~Warwick~~, who married *Margaret* the Daughter of Sir *John Littleton* of ~~Frankley~~ in the County of ~~Warwick~~, Kt. by

*Hund. of
Bitchin.*

*Cart. 8 J. I.
penes Tho.
Docwra.*

whom he had Issue *Edward*; he died in the Month of *August*, 1610, seized of this Moyety, leaving

Edward his Son and Heir, of full Age, who had Livery thereof, received the Honour of Knighthood, and married *Ursula* the Daughter of *Richard Fines*, Lord Say and Seal, but *Anno* 1611, 8 *Jac.* I. he sold this Mannor of *Pirton* alias *Berton* to

Thomas Docwra of *Butteridge* in this County, Esq. from whom it is descended to *Thomas Dowcra*, Esq. his Grandson; who is the present Possessor hereof.

The other Moyety of this Mannor, was for Distinction, called *Pirton Dodingwels*, and conveyed to the Provost of *Eaton Colledge*, who let the same by several Leases for Years, to the *Hammonds*, and since to *Matthew Lacy*, who is the present Possessor hereof. The Fines of both Mannors are at the Will of the Lord.

The Mannor of the Rectory of PIRTON.

RALPH de Limesie devised this Mannor out of the former, for he was Lord of both, and gave it to the Priory of *Bertford*; those Priors held it from that time to the Dissolution of their Monastery, when it came to the Crown, and in Process of time, this Mannor and the Mannor of *Dodingwel*, which passed with it, came to Sir *John Davy*, who sold it to — *Poultney*, who conveyed it to — *White*, who devised it to his Sons for the Payment of his Debts, and they sold it to *William Deane* the Son of Sir *Anthony Deane*, who is the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Vicaridge with the Rectory of *Stickleford*, *Anno* 26 *Hen.* VIII. was rated in the King's Books, at the yearly Value of eight Pounds, whereof *William Deane* is Patron.

The VICARS.

William Denn.

William Goodwin.

The Church is erected in the Vill, which is in the Deanery of *Bitchin* in the Diocess of *Lincolne*, and is cover'd with Lead, having a fair Tower standing between the Chancel and the Church; wherein hang a Ring of five Bells, with a small Spire upon the Tower.

Within the Church is a Monument which has this Inscription.

Blessed are the Dead which dye in the Lord.

Jane the Relict of *Thomas Docwra*, Esq. and formerly the Wife of *Thomas*, the sole Son of Sir *Gabriel Pointes*, Kt. and one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *William Periam*, Kt. Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, was in the service of God truly and zealously Religious, to his Ministers Liberal, to the Poor Charitable, and having Lived 25 years a Widow, in a contemplative and retired course of Life, she changed her mortal habitation for an Heavenly, the 15th of *March*, 1645. *Ætat.* 73.

Now I shall close this Part of the half Hundred of *Bitchin*, with this Vill of *Berton*, and proceed to the other Part, which contains the Parishes and Hamlets of *Osley*, *Alley*, *King's Walden*, *Stagenhoe*, and *Kimpton*.

OFFLEY.

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Mitchin.*

THIS Vill received its Appellation from *Offa*, that great King of the *Mertians*, who was the Lord hereof, resided often here, and in this Place resigned his Soul to the Disposal of God; this Parish derived its Name from him, for in the Saxon Language it signifies the Land of *Offa*; after his Decease, the Crown, with his Possessions, came to his Son King *Egfrid*, who imitated his Father in his Judgment and Mercy, after him it continued in the Crown till it came to Earl *Harold*, who enjoyed it in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor, and after this Earl's Death, it came to King *William* the Conqueror, who held it when that memorable Survey was made, for it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

Matt. Paris de
Vita Offa. sec-
cun. fol. 32.

Rex Williel. tenet Offlei pro duobus hid. se defendebat. Terra est novem car. quinque Soch. tenuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo tenet de Rege Williel. ibi sunt octo car. et nona potest fieri, ibi duo Vill. et septendecem Bord. et tres cotar. et tres Servi, pratum un. car. pastura ad pecud. Silva centum et viginti. porc. Nemus ad sepes, inter totum valet et valuit semper quatuor lib. et quatuor sol. Istimet tenuerunt de Com. Haroldo et dare et vendere potuit Soca vero jacuit semper in Hq. et duo averas et duo inwards invenerunt.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 132, nu. 1

In eadem Villa tenet Edwardus de Pirton, tres virgat. Terra est duo car. ibi est dimid. et una et dimid. potest fieri, ibi est un. Vill. et nemus ad sepes valet quinque sol. quando recepit sex sol. et octo denar. tempore Regis Edwardi decem sol.

De hac terra dimid. Hidam tenet. Alvin homo Stigan Archiepiscopi, et unus homo Com. Haroldi, Abo nomine un. virgat. habuit isti et dare et vendere terram suam potuerunt Soca remansit in Hq.

King *William* held *Offley*; it was rated for two Hides; The arable is nine Carucates, five Sochmen held it in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) and now they hold it of King *William*; there are eight Carucates, and a ninth may be made; there are two Villains, and seventeen Bordars, and three Cottagers, and three Servants, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred and twenty Hogs, Wood for the Hedges; In the whole it is worth, and always was worth, four Pounds and four Shillings a Year: These held it of Earl *Harold*, and might give or sell it, but the Soke lay always in *Hq.* and they found two Horses, and two Horse Trappings or Furniture.

Edward de Pirton held three Virgates in the same Vill. The arable is two Carucates; there is half a one, and one and a half may be made; there is one Villain, and Wood for Hedges; it is worth five Shillings a Year, when he received it six Shillings and eight Pence a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) ten Shillings.

Alwin, a Man (under the Protection) of *Stigan* the Archbishop, held half an Hide of this Land; and a Man (under the Protection) of Earl *Harold*, by Name *Abo*, had one Virgate: These might both give or sell their Land. The Soke remains in *Hq.*

Not long after the Conquest, this Mannor came to that noble and ancient Family of St. *Legiers*, who were Lords hereof for many Descents, till it came to *John St. Legiers*, who had Issue only *Isabel* who was his Daughter and Heir, and having no Son to preserve the Memory of his Name, the Addition of St. *Legiers* was added to the Name of this Mannor, and upon his Death this *Isabel* succeeded him:

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De Fin. levat.
16 E. III.

She married Sir *Thomas Hoo* Kt. and Anno 16 *Edw. III.* they levied a Fine of the Mannors of *Offley* and *Cokernhoo*, and had Issue

Sir *William Hoo* of *Luton-hoo* in the County of *Bedford*, Kt. he and Dame *Eleanor* his Wife, anno 3 *R. II.* levied a Fine of the Mannors of *Offley* and *Cokernhoo*, and had Issue.

Sir *Thomas Hoo*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth Eckingham*: They entailed divers Mannors in *Sussex* of great Value, by Deed dated Anno 6 *H. V.* upon the Heirs of their Bodies, with Remainders over, &c. and they had Issue

Sir *Thomas Hoo* Kt. who was created Lord *Hoo* and *Hastings*, by King *H. VI.* Anno 26 *Regni sui*, and was installed a Knight of the Garter, he married the Daughter of the Lord *Welles*, who with other Persons of Honour, Trustees of his Estate, kept a Court Baron at *Offley* for this Mannor, anno 31st of the same King, but this Lord *Hoo* had only Issue four Daughters; the eldest married Sir *Godfry Bullen*, Ancestor to Queen *Elizabeth*, and by his Will dated Anno 33 *H. VI.* gave Pensions to some of his Servants, issuing out of these Mannors of *Offley*, *Cokernhoo*.

*Rot. Cur. 31
H. VI.*

Thomas Hoo, Esq. (for his Christian Name is so mentioned in the Will of his Brother, Sir *Thomas Hoo* and *Hastings*, dated the 12th of *February 23 H. VI.*) was Lord of these Mannors, and held a Court here, Anno 30 *H. VI.* as appears by the Style of the Court.

*Ibid. 30 H.
VI.*

Sir *William Bullen*, Kt. of the Bath, Son of Sir *Godfry Bullen* by his Wife, Daughter of the Lord *Hoo*, was Lord of the Mannor of *Offley*, Anno 3 *H. VII.* and held a Court for these Mannors in the same Year. This Sir *William Bullen* and Sir *James St. Legier* married the two Daughters and Coheirs of *Thomas Butler*, Earl of *Wiltshire* and *Ormond*. Then this Mannor was conveyed to

*Ibid. 18 H.
VIII.*

Richard Farmer, Esq. Merchant of the Staple, who held a Court here, Anno 18 *H. VIII.*

Afterwards it came to the same King in the 34th Year of his Reign, who held Courts here in his Name: but King *Edward VI.* granted the Mannor of *St. Legiers* in *Offley*, by Charter dated 17 Nov. Anno 4 *Regni sui*, to

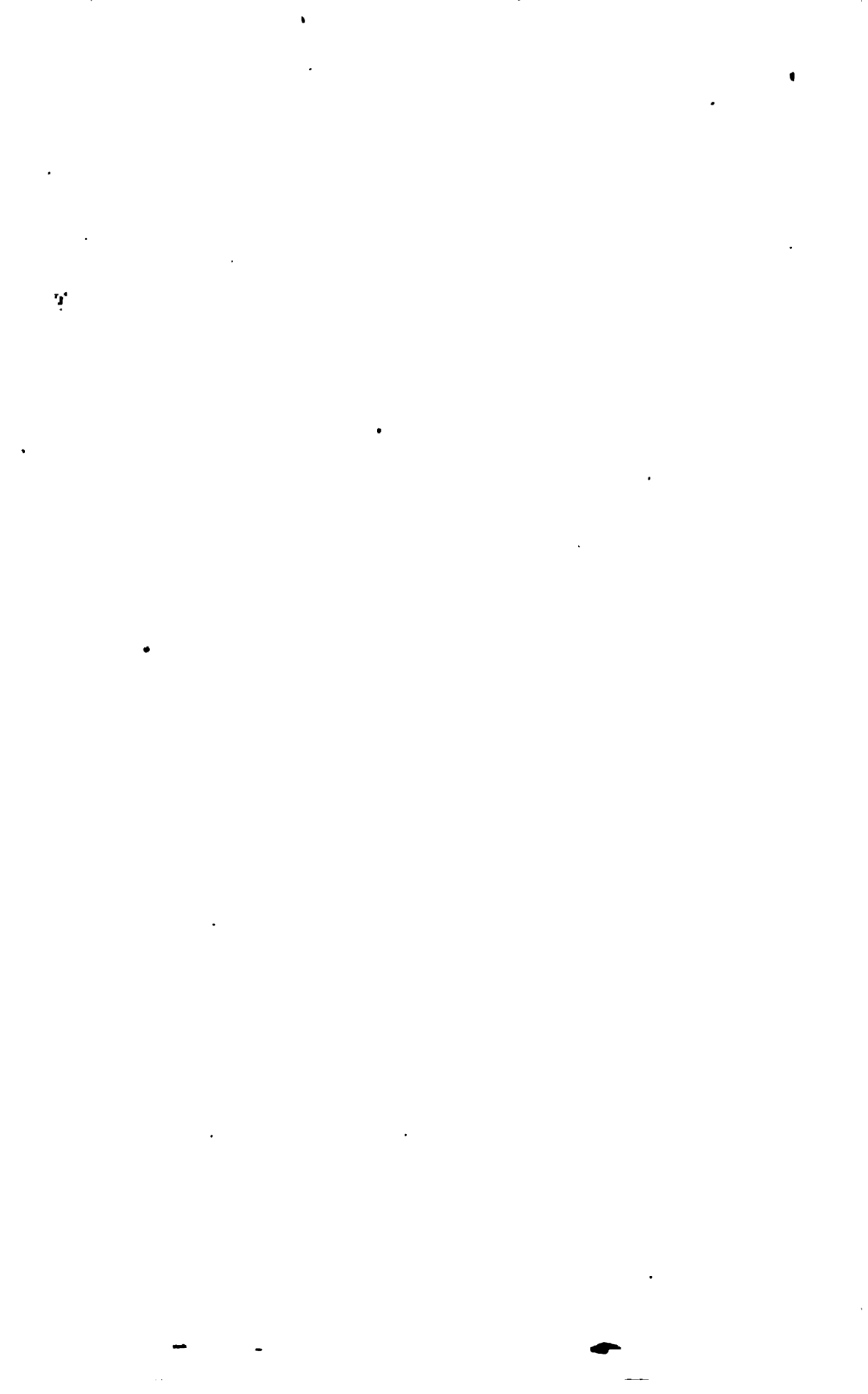
Richard Farmer, Esq. who died in the Year following seized hereof, leaving Issue

John Farmer, who was his Heir, and of full Age, for he obtained Livery hereof the same Year, and some suppose him Ancestor to Sir *George Farmer* of *Northamptonshire*, Kt. They sold these Mannors to that honourable Knight

Sir *John Spencer* of *Althorp*, in the County of *Northampton*, who married *Catharine* Daughter of Sir *Thomas Kitson* of *Wengrave* in the County of *Suffolk*, Kt. by whom

OFFLEY

Y PLACE .



he had Issue, 1 *John*, who was knighted, and married *Mary*, Daughter and sole Heir of Sir *Robert Catlins*, Kt. 2 *Thomas*, who married the Daughter of *Henry Cheek*. 3 Sir *William Spencer* of *Yarnton*, who married *Margaret*, Daughter of Sir *Francis Bowyer*. 4. Sir *Richard Spencer*, who married *Helen*, Daughter and one of the Heirs apparent of Sir *John Brocket* of *Brocket Hall* in this County: And this Sir *John Spencer* gave this Mannor of *St. Legiers* in *Chilsey* to

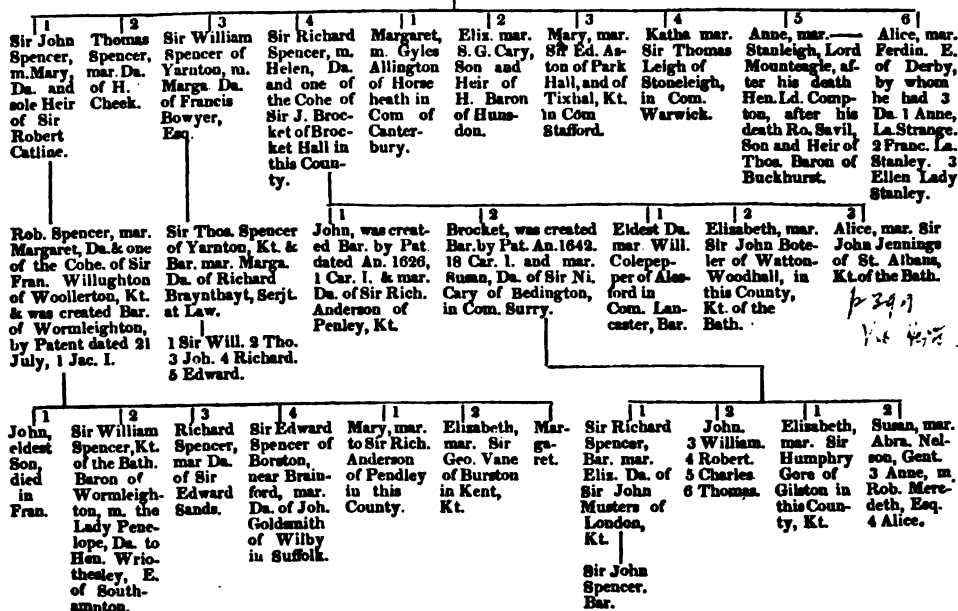
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Sir Richard Spencer, his youngest Son, who had Issue by *Helen* his Wife, two Sons, *John* and *Brocket*, and three Daughters, one married to Sir *William Colepepper* of *Alexford* in *Kent*. 2 *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *John Boteler* of *Wharton Woodhall* in this County, Knight of the Bath. 3 *Alice* married to Sir *John Jennings* of *St. Albans*, in this County, Knight of the Bath. And this *John* obtained from that King a Patent, dated Anno 1626, 1 Car. I. to be a Baronet. He married the Daughter of Sir *Richard Anderson*, by whom he had only Issue *Alice*, who married Sir *James Altham* of *Markeshall* in *Essex*, but dying without Issue Male of his Body, the Honour extinguish'd and these Mannors came to

Brocket Spencer, his Brother and next Heir, he married *Susan* the Daughter of Sir *Nicholas Cary* of *Bedington*, in the County of *Surrey*; he had a Patent dated Sept. 26, Anno 1642, 18 Car. I. to be a Baronet, and died seized hereof on the 3rd of July, 1668, leaving Issue Sir *Richard*, *John*, *William*, *Robert*, *Charles*, and *Thomas*, and four Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Humphry Gore* of *Chilston* in this County, Kt. *Susan* married to *Abraham Nelson*, Gentleman, *Anne* married to *Robert Meredith*, Esq. Son to Sir *William Meredith* of *Leedes* in *Kent*, Bart. Master in *Chancery*, and *Alice* who is unmarried.

Sir *Richard* succeeded in this Lordship, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *John Musters* of *London*, Kt. by whom he had Issue, *John*, and died seized hereof leaving Sir *John* an Infant, who is his Son and Heir and the present Lord hereof: His Arms are, *Quarterly Argent and Gules, in the second and third a Fret Or, over all a bend Sable charged with three Escallops of the first, with a Molette for Difference Fretty Or, on a Bend Sable three Flower de Liz of the first, Crescent.*

Sir John Spencer of Althorp in Com. Northampton, Kt. mar. Katharine, Daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson of Hengrave in Com. Suffolk, Kt.



The Mannor of PODERICH.

IN the time of the Saxons, this Mannor was Part of the Revenues of the Crown, but at the time of the Conquest, King William gave it to William de Owe, who was a faithful Counsellor to him, for I find it recorded in Domesdei Book, under the Title of Terra Willielmi de Owe.

In Officiis tenuit Willielmus de Mara octo hidas, et octo acras de Willielmus de Owe. Terra est sexdecim car. in Dominio sunt quatuor, et sex decem Vill. cum Presbitero, et tres Milites habentes novem car. et tres adhuc possunt fieri, ibi octo Bord. et quatuor cotar. et octo Servi, pastura ad pec. Ville. Silva duodecim porc. in totis valent. valet novem lib. quando recepit octo lib. tempore Regis Edwardi, quindecim lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Alestan de Boscombe, Teignus Regis Edwardi.

William de Mara, held eight Hides and eight Acres of William de Owe in Officiis. The arable is sixteen Acres, in Demeasne are four, and sixteen Villains, with a Priest or a Parson, and three Knights, having nine Carnicates, and three more may now be made; there are eight Bordars, and four Cottagers, and eight Servants; Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed twelve Hogs; in the whole Value, it is worth nine Pounds by the Year, when he received it eight Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) sixteen Pounds: Alestan of Boscombe a Thane of King Edward (the Confessor) held this Mannor.

I have treated of this William de Owe, in the Parish of Grabely, to which I refer the Reader.

Henry, his eldest Son, enjoy'd his Honour and Estate, and married ——— Daughter of William Lord of Sollei, eldest Son to the Earl of Blois by whom he had Issue four

Sons, and one Daughter, and died *Anno 1139, 4 Steph.* leaving Issue

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John, who was his Son and Heir, who upon the Aid for marrying the King's Daughter, *Anno 12 H. II.* certifi'd that he had fifty six Knight's Fees, and that his Father had sixty in the Rape of *Hastings*, for which he paid 44*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *Anno 14 H. II.* and had also sixty Fees of his own Demeasn of ancient Feofment in the time of *Hen. I.* He married *Alice* Daughter of *William de Albini*, Earl of *Arundel*, and died *Anno 1170, 17 H. II.* leaving Issue

Henry, who paid 62*l.* 10*s.* for levying the Scutage, *Anno 6 R. I.* upon the King's Redemption, and died, leaving only Issue

Alice, who married *Robert de Usendon*, by whom she had Issue *William*, but she surviving her Husband, after his Death forfeited her Honour and Estate to the Crown, whereupon King *Henry* gave it to

Prince *Edward* his Son, who disposed of it to

Henry of *Almaine*, Son to *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*.

In Process of time this Mannor came to the Family of the *Darrels*, and it was found *Anno 30 H. VI.* that *Elizabeth Darrel* held this Mannor of *Robertshurte* by the yearly Rent of one Pound of Pepper, and one Pound of Cummin, and that the Lord of this Mannor, *Anno 24 Edw. IV.* had not paid the said Rent for six Years then last past.

In the 9th Year of *H. VII.* one *Darrel* held it, and shortly after it came to the Possession of *Joan Darrell*, Widow, who held it by Fealty, and one Pound of Pepper, and another of Cummin, and died seiz'd thereof, whereupon it descended to

Sir *Edward Darrell*, Kt. who was her Son and Heir.

John Docwra, Esq. purchased this Mannor, he married *Anne* Daughter of *Thomas St. George* of *George Watley*, by *Alice*, Sister of Sir *Thomas Rotherham*, Kt. by whom he had Issue, *Thomas*, *Humphry*, *Frances* married to *Thomas Cheiny*, of *Strampanget*, after her Decease to *A. Docwra*, *Catharine* to *Thomas Potkin* of *Kent*, and *Anne*, to *Darnell*, of *Lincolnshire*.

Thomas Docwra was his Heir, married *Mildred Hales*, of *Kent*, Sister of *John Hales*, of *Cobentry*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, *Ralph*, *John*, *Edward*, *Frances*, married to *Peter Taverner*, Esq. *Helen* to *Jasper Horsey*, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff for this County, *Anno 22 Eliz.*

Thomas the eldest Son succeeded, and married *Helen* Daughter of *George Horsey* of *Digenstwell* in this County, Esq. by whom he had Issue,

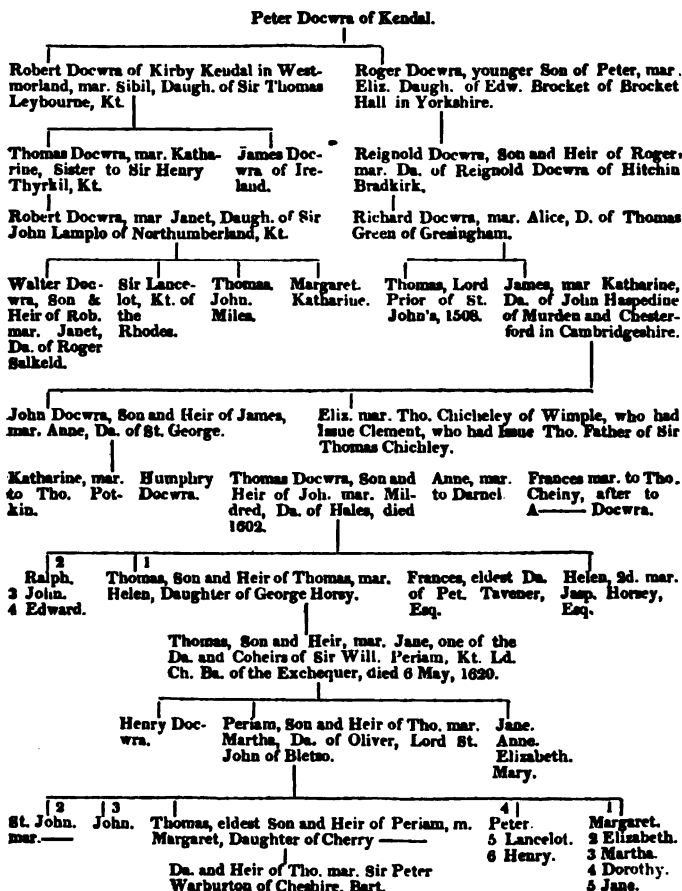
Thomas Docwra, who married *Jane*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *William Periam*, Kt. who was made Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, April 26, 1 Jac. I. on whom he begat, *Periam*, *Henry*, *Jane* married to

*Head, of
Hitchin.*

—— *Powell, Esq. Anne to Humphry Walcote of Walcote in the County of Salop, Esq. Elizabeth to James Beverley, Esq. and Mary.* He was constituted Sheriff for this County, Anno 1605, 3 Ja. I.

Periam was his Heir, married *Martha* Daughter of *Oliver Lord St. John of Bletsbor*, in the County of *Bedford*, by whom he had Issue, *Thomas, Saint John, John, Peter, Lancelot, Henry, Margaret, Elizabeth, Martha, Dorothy,* and *Jane*.

Thomas the eldest Son, married *Margaret* Daughter of *Robert Cherey*, Relict of *Thomas Docwra*, by whom he had Issue, one Daughter married to Sir *Peter Warburton* of *Cheshire*, Bar. He served as a Burgess for the Borough of *St. Albans*, Anno 1 Jac. II. is the present Lord hereof, and gives, *Sable, a Cheveron ingrail'd Argent between three Plates, each charged with a Pale Gules.*



To Richard

This Draught is

Put ^d by I. M. Mullinger



IT OFFER



Helder Esq.

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presented by

W. Draper

Eps. Stanford 1886



*The Mannor of LITTLE OFFLEY**Hand. of
Mitchin.*


WAS held of *William* the Conqueror, for I find it recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Regis*.

In altera Offley tenet unus Sochmannus unum hidam. Terra est duo car' ibi est una et alia potest fieri, ibi unus Vill. et unum Bord. et un. cotar Nemus ad sepes valet et valuit semper vigint. sex sol. octo denar.

Iisdem qui nunc Tenens ten. tempore Regis Edwardi de Com. Haroldo, et vendere potuit Soca ramansit in Hq, averam et inwardus reddidit. Hic Sochmannus et quinque superiores de Offel. Apposuit Ilbertus de Hertford in Hq.

A Sochman held one Hide in the other Offel. The arable is two Carucates, there is one and another may be made; there is one Villain, one Bordar, and one Cottager, Wood for Hedges; it is worth, and always was worth, six and twenty Shillings and eight Pence by the Year.

The same Tenants who are now, held it in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) of Earl Harold, and might sell it: The Soke remained in Hq. This Sochman and five of the Chief of Offley, found an Horse and Furniture. Ilbert of Hertford laid it to Hq.

This was a Hamlet which consisted of divers Houses, as is evident by the Marks of ancient Foundations, often digg'd up there, and did belong to the Parish of Offley, but since these Houses came to the Possession of one Person, they have been reduced to one House, which was held by Knights' Service, until the taking away of the Court of Wards and Liveries: It is scituated on the great Ledge of Hills, which crosses the Northerly Part of this County, called by some the Alps of England, and bounded on the North by that famous Roman Road, called Icknall, which in this Place divides this County from Bedfordshire, the Height of these Hills turn all the Waters that fall on the Southern Part, to the River Lea, which leads to the Thames, but the Waters that fall on the Northern Side to the River Ouse, which empties itself into the Sea at Lynn in Norfolk.

This Seat in the time of H. VIII. was in the Crown, and about Anno 3 P. & M. was granted to *Richard Spicer*, alias *Helder* and his Heirs, from whom it descended to *Thomas Spicer* alias *Helder*, who was his Son and Heir, and from him it past to his eldest Son *Richard*, who succeeded him; Upon his Decease, it descended to *William* who was his Heir, and had Issue *Richard*, who succeeded him; from whom it came to *William* his Son, who had Issue, *Richard Spicer* alias *Helder*, the present Owner hereof; and long before this Estate was in the Crown, the same was held by long Leases in the *Helder's* from the time of H. VI.

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Richard Helder,
der, Arm.

The most ancient Seat of the ancestors of these *Helder's* was at *Litley*, and were Owners of the principal Part of ibid.

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der, Arm.*

the Estate at *Willyn*, that now belongs to *Thomas Halpeny*, Esq. whose Father purchased the same of one *Robert Spicer* alias *Helder*, a Branch of the same Family.

William Spicer alias *Helder*, last mentioned, married *Sarah*, one of the Daughters of *Matthew Denis* of *Hempston* in the County of *Hedford*, Gentleman, elder Brother to *William Denis*, Citizen, and Alderman of *London*, from whom she had a great Part of her Fortune.

Ibid.

By her he left four Sons and three Daughters, *Richard*, *William*, *Denis*, and *Matthew*, *Katharine*, *Sarah*, and *Anne*.

Ibid.

Richard married *Mary*, the eldest Daughter of *John Hinde* of the Parish of *St. Andrews Holbourn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Brewer, by whom he had Issue a Son, *William*, and gives, *Sable*, a *Fesse embattelled between three Lions Rampant Or*; *Crest on a Wreath, on an Helmet a Castle Argent*.

The Mannor of WELLS.

IN the time of *William the Conqueror*, this Mannor was Parcel of the Revenues of the Crown, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the title of *Terra Regis*.

In Welle, tenet unus Sochmannus unam hidam. Terra est quinque car. In Dominio est una. et duo possunt fieri, ibi quatuor Bord. habentes unam car. et alia potest fieri, pastura ad pec. Ville. Nemus ad sepes, inter totum valet viginti. sex sol et octo denar. quando Petrus recepit quadragint. Sol. tempore Regis Edwardi sexagint. sol. hanc terram tenuit; Leveva de Com. Heraldo, et vendere potuit. Ilbertus apposuit in Willeia suo Manerio, dum erat Vicecomes post quam Vicecomitatum perdidit Petrus de Valongies et Radulphus Tailgebosch tulerunt ab eo et posuerunt in Wt, ut tota Scyra testatur, que non jacuit ibi tempore Regis Edwardi nec aliquam consuetudinem reddidit.

One Sochman held one Hide in *WELL*. The Arable is five Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and two may be made, there are four Bordars having one Carucate, and another may be made; Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood for Hedges; in the whole it is worth twenty six Shillings and eight Pence a Year, when *Peter* received it forty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) sixty Shillings; *Leveva* held this Land of Earl *Harold*, and might sell it. *Ilbert* laid it to his Mannor in *Windley* when he was Sheriff; after he lost the Shrivalt *Peter de Valongies* and *Ralph Tailgebosch* took it away from him and laid it to *Wt*, as the whole Shire can witness, that it did not lye there in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) nor paid any Rent.

*Bar. vol. 1,
col. 192, 193.*

This Mannor was denominated from the Springs that arise out of an adjacent Hill, from whence it is supplied with Water, by leaden Pipes, from a Conduit contiguous to the Spring Head.

But in Process of time it came to the Possession of *John* Earl of *Oxford*, who was possess hereof in the time of *Edw. III.* He was in several Expeditions in *Scotland*, *France*, and *Flanders*. He married *Maud*, one of the Sisters and Coheirs of *Giles de Radlesmere* a great Baron in *Kent*, and Widow of *Robert Fitz Pain*, by whom he had Issue

Thomas de Vere of Age, *Aubrey*, and two Daughters, *Margaret* married to *Henry Lord Beaumont*, and after to *Sir John Devereux*, and *Isabel* first married to *Sir John Courtney*, Grandfather to *Hugh* the fifth Earl of *Debon*, of that Family, and after to *Sir Oliver Denham*, Kt. and he died, leaving *Sir Thomas de Vere*, Kt. his Heir, but *Maud* the Mother then surviving had for her Purparty of the Inheritance descended to her by the Death of *Giles de Badlesmere* this Mannor of *Wells* among divers others: and shortly after it was sold to

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Witchin.*

*Bar. vol. 1.
fol. 193.
Bar. vol. 2.
fol. 60, 196.*

Thomas of Woodstock, Earl of *Buckingham*, and Duke of *Gloucester*, who married *Alianore*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Humphry de Bohun*, late Earl of *Hertford* and *Essex*. He obtained the Custody of all those Castles, Mannors, and Lands in *England* and *Wales*, Anno 3 R. II. which were allotted to her upon the Partition made between her and *Mary* her Sister, the other Daughter of *Humphry de Bohun*, Earl of *Hertford* and *Essex*. He founded a Colledge in the Parochial Church of *Blessy*, in *Essex*, anno 17 R. II. consisting of nine Priests, two Clerks, and two Choristers, and endowed the same with nine Acres of Land in *Blessy*, and the Advowson of that Church, the Mannors of *Wokinfield*, and *Whitstaple* in the County of *Hert*, and this Mannor of *Wells*, and the Mannor of *Bernestone* in *Essex*, but upon the Dissolution this Mannor came to

*Bar. vol. 2,
fol. 171.*

Henry VIII. from whence it was conveyed to *Sir John Gates*, who was attainted of Treason in the time of *P. & M.* of whom I have treated in the Parish of *Cheshunt*: Upon his Attainder it return'd again to the Crown, from whence it was granted to *Sir Henry Gates* and Dame *Lucy* his Wife, and their Heirs, reserving the yearly Rent of 9l. 2s. 1d. which is still paid to *Katharine* the Queen Dowager, being Parcel of the Fee-Farm Rents that were settled for her Dowry.

Sir Henry Gates and Dame *Lucy* his Wife, granted it to *Richard Spicer* alias *Helder*, and his Heirs, who disposed thereof to *William Crawley* who sold the same to *Wells* who had Issue one Daughter, his Heir, married to *Henry Dolderne*, since which it has been divided, and one Part of it is now come to the Possession of *Sir Ralph Ratcliffe*, another Part remains in the Possession of *Richard Helder*, Esq. and the Mannor House and chiefest Part of it to Mr. *Henry Dolderne* the present Owner, Great Grandfather to Mr. *Wells*.

This Mannor-house is scituated in a very dry and warm Place, under the Brow of an Hill, in a most pleasant and healthful Air, and at all times much more dry and clean than any other Place in this Parish of *Wells*, it is much im-

Hand. of
Richard II.

proved by good Husbandry, and neatly adorned with Walks which shews the Ingenuity of the Owner. and the Delight that he takes in his Habitation

The Rectory of OFFLEY.

THE Church of ~~Offley~~, anciently dedicated to the blessed *Mary Magdalen*, was appropriated by that Name, and annexed to the *Chauntrey* of *Chalgrave* in the County of *Hertsford*, which *Sir Nigell Loring* directed by his Will, dated about the Beginning of *H. IV's* Reign, should be founded, and made *Robert Braybroke* then Bishop of *London*, his Executor: But the Bishop living a short time after him could not accomplish it in his Life-time, but made his Will, and appointed *Sir Gerrard Braybroke*, Kt. *Edmund Camden*, Esq. *Roger Albrighton*, Clerk, and *John Wicke*, Clerk, his Executors, and devised, That his said Executors should found such a Chauntry to celebrate divine Service, in the Parish Church of *Chalgrave*, for the Souls of *Sir Nigel Loring*, his Parents and Friends, and the said Bishop *Braybroke*, and for the Souls of all the Faithful departed.

Pursuant to the said Will, these Executors the 10th Year of *H. IV.* obtained a License of the said King to found a Chauntry accordingly, and endowed the same in these Words, viz.

Cart. pence
Richard II.
der, Arm.

Sciunt presentes et futuri; Quod nos Gerardus Braybroke, Miles, Edmundus Hamden, Armiger, Rogerus Albrighton, Clericus, et Johannes Wyke, Clericus, Executores, Testamenti Recolenda Memoria Roberti Braybroke, quondam Episcopi London de Licencia Spirituali Metuendissimi Domini nostri Henrici Regis Angliæ post conquestum quarti prout per ipsius domini nostri Regis Literas inde confectas plenius patet nobis gratiose concessa Dedicimus Concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra Confirmavimus Dilictis nobis Richardo Parthemener Magistro ac Thome Nongell et Willielmo Brown Capellanis Cantarie perpetue in Ecclesia Parochial' de Chalgrave, pro animabus Nigelli Loryng Militis, ac Roberti Braybrok, quondam Episcopi London, predicti et omnium fidelium defunctorum per nos facta fundata et stabilita prout in literis nostris inde confect' plemus continetur unum Messag. cum pertinent. in Chalgrave vocat Old Orchard ac Advocacionem Ecclesie de Offlegh in Com. Hertford habend. et tenend. eisdem Magistro et Capellanis et Successoribus suis pro Dotacione Cantarie predicta ac sustentatione Magistri et Capellanorum hujusmodi inperpetuum. In cujus Rei Testimonium Sigilla nostra presentibus apposuimus. Dat. London, vicesimo septimo die mensis Marcii, Anno Regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum, Angl. Decimo.

Which was afterwards confirmed on the 2nd of *August*, Anno 1411, by the apostolical Letters of *John*, then Bishop of *Rome*, to *Thomas*, then Archbishop of *Canterbury*, his Delegate, directed: and was also confirmed the Year following by *Philip* Bishop of *Lincoln* then within his Diocess.

This Chauntry at last had the Fate of other Religious Houses, to be dissolved about the 1st of *Edw. VI.* At which time, one *Thomas Shele*, and *Sir William Rote* his Co-fellow, had long before let a Lease of the said Parsonage to one *John Friday* for the Term of 44 Years, which was

injoyed accordingly, and some time after the Expiration thereof, Queen *Elizabeth* by her Letters Patent, in the 32nd Year of her Reign, granted the same to *Richard Spencer* Esq. and *Edward Adams* and their Heirs, who sold it to *George Gravely*, who had one Daughter *Lettice* his only Child and Heir. She married *Luke Norton*, and by Reason thereof the Impropriation of the Parsonage of *Osney*, came into the Family of the *Nortons*, and from *Luke* it descended to *Gravely Norton* his Son and Heir, who disposed of the greatest Part of the Tithes and Glebe belonging to the said Impropriation to several Persons, but the Residue thereof descended to *Luke Norton* his Son and Heir, who conveyed it to *William Angel*, Gent. and his Heirs; and by this Division of the Parsonage, the greatest Part of the Parishioners have purchased the Tythes of their several Lands to themselves in Fee.

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Hitchin.*

During all the time of the *Graveley's* and *Norton's*, the Right of Presentation to the Vicaridge was in them, and Mr. *Gravely Norton* presented Mr. *Willows* the last Incumbent.

Ex Informat
Richard Hel-
der, Arm.

There are two Mannors more within this Parish; the one called, the Mannor of *Osney alias Westbury*, and the other *Hallbury*, of which having but an imperfect Account I purposely omit.

THIS Vicaridge Anno 26 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 9l. and pays about 6s. 8d. a Year for Tenths.

THE VICARS.

Anno 17 E. I. <i>William</i> , Vicar of <i>Osney</i>	1657 <i>Edward Warren</i>
Anno 31 E. III. <i>Laurence</i> , Vicar of <i>Osney</i>	1657 <i>John Baker</i>
Anno 25 Eliz. <i>Roger Henley</i>	1658 <i>Philip Osbaldeston</i>
1603 1 J. I. <i>Oliver Perkins</i>	1661 <i>Richard Willows</i> , the last Incumbent, who was barbarously murdered as he was coming home from <i>Hitchin</i> to <i>Osney</i> , by whose Death this Vicaridge is now void. He was a Man of a very sober, pious, and inoffensive Life, and continued Minister for the space of 37 Years.
1606 4 J. I. <i>Fulk Roberts</i>	
1607 5 J. I. <i>Will. Sherlock</i>	
1614 <i>William Chauntrell</i>	
1617 <i>Thomas Read</i>	
1664 <i>Richard Swift</i>	
1667 <i>William Carter</i>	

The Church is erected near the Mannor House of *Osney St. Rogers*, in the Deanery of *Hitchin*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*; The Chancel and Church are covered with Lead, having a square Tower at the West End thereof, where is a Ring of six Bells: In the Chancel are these Inscriptions.

Here lieth Interred the Body of Sir *Brocket Spencer*, Baronet, Son to Sir *Richard Spencer* of *Osney*, who having four Sons and four Daughters by *Susanna*, Daughter to Sir *Nicholas Carew*, of *Bedington* in the County of *Surry*, deceased, July 3 in the 63d year of his Age, in the Year of our Lord, 1668.

Here lieth John Samuel, Elizabeth and Joan his Wives, which John deceased the 23th of February, in the year of our Lord 1529. on whose Souls Jesu have mercy, Amen. With their several Effigies above the Inscription.

In the North Window is the Effigies of a Bishop with a Crosier in his Hand.

*Hund. of
Midd.*

LINDLEY alias LILLY HOO.

IN the time of *William the Conqueror*, that King gave this Mannor to *Goisfride de Bech* for his good Service at the Battle of *Hastings*, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Goisfridi d' Bech*.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 140, nu. 4.*

In Dimidio Hundred. de H̄ ipse Goisfridus tenet Linley pro quinq; hidis se defendebat. Terra est novem car. in Dominio duo hid. et ibi sunt tres car. ibi novemdecem Villi. cum Presbit. habentes quinque; car. et sexta potest fieri, ibi sex bord. et quatuor cotar. et sex Servi, pastura ad pecud. Silva sex porc. in totis valent. valet et valet centum sel. tempore Regis Edwardi, septem lib. hoc Mancrimum tenuit Leveva de Comit. Haroldo et ibi unus Sochmannus homo Haroldi, de ead. terra tres virgat. et dimid. habuit et vendere potuit, et unam aver. in H̄ redidit vel tres denar. et unum obolum.

Goisfride de Bech held *Linley*, in the half Hundred of *H̄*. It was rated for five Hides. The arable is nine Carucates, in Demesne two Hides, and there are three Carucates; there are nineteen Villains with a Presbiter or Priest having five Carucates, and a sixth may be made, there are six Bordars, and four Cottagers, and six Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed six Hogs, in the whole Value it is worth and was worth one hundred Shillings by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) seven Pounds. *Leveva* held this Mannor of Earl *Harold*, and there is one Sochman, a Man (under the Protection) of Earl *Harold*, he had three Virgates and an half of the same Land, and might sell it, and he found one Horse in *H̄*, or paid three Pence Half-penny.

This Vill received the Addition of *Hoo* to its Name from that ancient Family of the *Hoos*, who in old time were Possessors hereof, and in the Reign of *Edw. I. Robert d' Hoo*, whose chief Seat was at *Hoo*, in the County of *Hedford*, was Lord of this Mannor; but having treated of this Family in the Parishes of *Knebworth* and *Osney*, and intending to say more of them in *Pauls Walden*, I shall refer the Reader thither, and conclude this Name with *Thomas Hoo*, who sold it in the time of *H. VII.* to

*Ex stemate
penes D' Vaux
Bar. of Engl.
vol. 3, fol. 304.*

Nicholas d' Vaux, who descended from *Robert d' Vaux*, a great Man in the North of this Realm in the Dayes of King *Stephen* and *H. II.* but *William d' Vaux*, the chief Branch of that Family in the time of those sharp Contests between the Houses of *York* and *Lancaster*, lost all for his Fidelity to King *H. VI.* but at length *Henry* Earl of *Richmond* obtaining the Crown, *Nicholas* his Son and Heir had Restitution thereof, which caused him to fight stoutly for that King in the Battle of *Stoke* (near *Newark*) against *John* Earl of *Lincoln* and his Adherents in Arms, 2 *H. VII.* on the Behalf of *Lambert Simnel* (a counterfeit Son to *George* Duke of *Clarence*.) for which good Service King *Henry* conferred on him the Honour of Knighthood, and 17 *H. VII.* he wore a Gown of purple Velvet at that great Solemnity of Prince *Arthur's* Marriage, adorn'd with Picces of

*Polydor Virgil, p. 573.
Bar. of Engl.
Stow's Annals*

Gold so thick and massy, that it was valued at a thousand Pounds beside the Silk and Furs, also a Collar of SS's weighing eight hundred Pounds in Nobles. He was one of the Embassadors who were then sent into France to confirm the Articles of Peace between King Henry and the French, and shortly after grew in that great Esteem at Court, that on the 27th of April, 15 H. VIII. he was advanced to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm, and the Solemnity of his Creation was performed at the King's Royal Pallace of Bridewel in the Suburbs of London: He married first Elizabeth Daughter and Heir to Henry Lord Fitzhugh, Widow of Sir William Parre, Kt. by whom he left Issue three Daughters, Katharine married to Sir George Throckmorton of Coughton in Com. Warwickshire, Kt. Anne to Sir Thomas Straunge of Huntington, in Com. Norfolk, Kt. and Alice to Sir Edward Sapcote of Elton in the County of Huntingdon, Kt. after her Decease he married Anne Daughter of Thomas Green of Greens Norton in the County of Northampton, Esq. by whom he had Issue two Sons, Thomas and William, and three Daughters, Margaret married to Francis Pultney of Mistoron in the County of Leicester, Esq. Maud to Sir John Farmer of Eston, near Leicester, in the County of Northampton, Kt. and Bridget to Maurice Welch of Sudbury in the County of Gloucester, Esq. he died the third of July following.

Thomas was his Son and Heir, and one of those who attended Cardinal Wolsey Anno 19 Henry VIII. when he went Embassador in great State beyond the Sea to make Peace between the Emperor, King Henry of England and King Francis of France. He took his Place on the 19th of January 22 H. VIII. among the Peers in Parliament, waited on the King to Calais on the 24 H. VIII. and thence to Boloin; was one of the Knights of the Bath made at the Coronation of Queen Anne of Bullen, on the 25th Year of H. VIII. also Captain of the Isle of Jersey, and surrendered that Trust Anno 28 H. VIII. He married Elizabeth Daughter and Heir to Sir Thomas Cheney of Kntlingburgh in the County of Northampton, Kt. by whom he had Issue two Sons, William and Nicholas, and two Daughters, Anne married to Reginald Bray Brother to Edmond Lord Bray of Eton, in the County of Bedford, and Maud who died unmarried: He by the Name of Sir Thomas Vaux, Lord Harrowdon, by Deed dated 8th of Feb. 2 P. & M. sold this Mannor of Kntling, alias Kntling, with the Advowson of the Church to Thomas Docwra of Temple Dinsley, in this County, Esq. from whom it descended to Thomas Docwra, Esq. the present Possessor hereof.

*Hund. of
Kntling.*

Holl. fol. 817,
849.

Stow's Annals

Ex stemate.
Bar. vol. 3,
fol. 304.

Stow's Annals

Bar. vol. 3,
fol. 305.

Cant. 2 and 3
P. & M. penes
Tho. Docwra.

*Hund. of
Witchin.*

THIS Rectory was rated Anno 26 H. VIII. in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 19l. 8s. 6d. per Annum, and the Lords of this Mannor are Patrons.

The RECTORS.

Mr. Potter. Mr. Sherlock. Mr. Beverley. Mr. Stone.

This Church is situated in the Vill, which is in the Deanery of *Witchin*, in the Diocess of *Exeter*, and I suppose is dedicated to our Saviour, by the Effigies of our Saviour; 'tis small, with an erection of Timber at the West End thereof, wherein are three Bells, and is cover'd with Lead.

A Monument on the North Side of the Chancel.

M. S.

Beati mortui qui in Dom. moriuntur.

Here under lieth the Body of *Thomas Docwra* the elder, Esq; Lord of this Town, and Patron of this Church, descended of the ancient Family of the *Docwra's* of *Docwra-hall* in *Wendal* in the County of *Westmoreland*, Nephew and Heir unto the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Docwra*, Lord Grand Prior of the Knights of *St. Johns* of *Jerusalem*: He had to Wife *Mildred Hales* of an antient Family in *Went*, a grave and vertuous Matron with whom he lived 52 years, having been Justice of the Peace forty years, and high Sheriff of the Shire, Anno 23 Eliz. Beloved and revered of all for his Gravity, Wisdom, Piety, Justice and Hospitality. He died in his House at *Butteridge*, by him built, in the 84th year of his Age, Anno Dom. 1602.

Leaving four Sons and two Daughters.

Thomas Docwra his eldest Son, by his Study in the University, Inns of Court, and *France*, attain'd unto good knowledge and experience; his first Wife was *Helen* Daughter of *George Horsey*, Esq; and of his Wife the Daughter of the Right Honourable Sir *Ralph Sadler*, Kt. by whom he left only one Daughter, married to Sir *Henry Pakenham*, Kt. his second was *Jane* one of the Daughters and Heirs of Sir *William Periam*, Kt. Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, with whom he lived two and twenty years, and left issue *Periam*, and *Henry*; *Anne*, *Elizabeth*, *Jane* and *Mary*. He was Justice of the Peace and High Sheriff for this County, an. 3 Jac. He was not ambitious of Honours or Titles, but contenting himself with his Estate, whereof he lived plentifully, was worthily esteemed for his Wisdom, Judgment, Moderation and Liberal House-keeping. in the 92d. year of his age, he did Meekly and Christianly render his Soul unto God at *Butteridge* aforesaid, 6th. Martii an. Dom. 1620. and was here interred.

A Prevention of Forgetfulness.

Costs of Arms.

Docwra. Green.

Docw. Docwra.

Docw. Brocket.

This is the Tomb of him who gave content,
By shunning that to which the most are bent.
He did not stoop to vain ambitions lure,
But deem'd his own more happy and more sure:
And thus my due and last farewell I take,
Bound to protect his State and Children for his sake.

Costs of Arms.

Docw. Haspedine

Docw. St. George.

Docw. Hales

Docw. Priam.

Docw. St. John.

Here lye the Bodies of *Thomas Docwra*, late of *Butteridge*, Esq; Lord of this Town, and Patron of this Church, and *Mildred* his Wife, who lived together in much Happiness fifty two years. They had at the time of their deaths four Sons and two Daughters living, *Thomas*, *Ralph*, *John*, *Edward*, and two Daughters *Frances* and *Ellen*: *Mildred* above the age of 70 died October the 18th. 1596. *Thomas* above the age of 83. died July the 14th. 1602.

Hic jacet Christopherus Middelton qui obiit 27. die Mensis Augusti, Anno Dom. 1467. Ejus animæ propitiatur Deus.

Hic situs est

*Pientissimus Daniel Houghton,
Filius Daniel Houghton de Chestington in agro Bucks.
Et Franciscæ Carter de Lilly in Com. Hertford,
Ortus Majoribus pietate per longam
Annorum seriem insignibus
Scholæ Eton alumnus*

Ubi sub Dom. Buncle lingua orientalibus

imbutus

Dein Coll. Magdal. Oxon.

Sub auspitiis R. Doct. Goodwin in albinos Demies

Cooptatus sub tutelâ D. Theophili Gale multum

per septennium in Philosophia

Profecit

Laudem Mllil Præceptoris munere indefessâ dilligentiâ

Defunctus est

Ab incunabilis sanctitatem spiravit conscientia ad officia.

sua attentissimus

Semestris ante obitum gaudio ineffabili et omnigenis spiritus

S. Fructibus exinde mirum in modum auctis repletus

Natus 15 Octobris Anno Dom 1636.

Denatus Aprilis 29. An. Dom. 1672

Celebs migrans ad Celestes nuptias

Celherandas Etatis suæ 35.

*Hund. of
Walden.*

WALDENY or WALDEN REGIS.

SOME hold that this Vill was denominated from *Salvis Silvestris*, the woody Dean, but others rather believe, that it was so named from the Springs where the Head of the *Marran* or *Mimeram* did rise, for the Syllable *Wal* in the Saxon Language signifies as much: In the time of King *Edward* the Confessor, Earl *Harold* was Lord hereof and died seiz'd of this Mannor; upon his Death it came to King *William* the Conqueror, who annexed it to the Crown, from which it might receive the Adjunct of King's *Walden*, to distinguish it from the other *Walden*, and 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, That

Norden, p. 26.

In Dimidio Hundred. de Htj, Rex Willielmus tenet Walden pro duobus hidis se defendebat. Terra est vigint. car. in Dominio duo virgat. et ibi sunt duo car. Presbiter cum tredecim Vill. et quatuor Bordis habentibus sex car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri, ibi duo cotar. et quatuor servi, pratum dimid. car. Pastura ad pec. Vill. Silva quatuor cent. porc. in totis valent. valet et valuit octo lib. tempore Regis Edwardi decim lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Levea de Comit. Haroldo, et vendere potuit absq; ejus licentia. In servitio Regis inven. unam averam et inwardam, sed injuste et per vim, ut Scyra testatur. De his duobus hidis tenuit quidam Vidua femina Asgari un. hid. de Rege pro un. Manerio, et habet ibi un. car, et septemdecem Vill. cum septem Bord. habent. sex car. et tres possunt fieri ibi quinque cotar. et pratum dimid. car. Silva quatuor centum porc. pastura ad pecud. Ville, in totis valent. valet et valuit quatuor lib. temp. Regis Edwardi octo lib. eadem femina tenuit hoc Manerium tempore Regis Edwardi de Com. Haroldo, et potuit vendere absq; ejus licentia et injuste per vim inveniebat unam averam et inward. in servitio Regis, ut Scyra testatur hæc duo Manneria apposuit Ilbertus in Htj quando erat Vicecomes testante Hundred.

King *William* held *Walden* in the half Hundred of *Htj*. It was rated for two Hides, the arable is twenty Carucates, in Demeasne two Virgates, and there are two Carucates, a Presbiter or Priest with thirteen Villains, and four Bordars, having six Carucates, and now two others may be made; there are two Cottagers, and four Servants, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed four hundred Hogs; in the whole Value, it is worth and was worth eight Pounds a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) ten Pounds. *Levea* held this Mannor of Earl *Harold*, and might sell it without his leave. He found one Horse and Furniture in the King's Service, but unjustly and by force, as the Shire can witness. A certain Woman the Widow of *Asgar* held one of these two Hides of the King for one Mannor,

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Mitchin.*

and she hath there one Carucate, and seventeen Villains, with seven Bordars, having six Carucates, and three others may be made, there are five Cottagers, and Meadow half a Carucate, Wood to feed four hundred Hogs, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth four Pounds a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) eight Pounds: The same Woman held this Mannor in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) of Earl Harold, and she might sell it without his leave, and he did find unjustly one Horse and Furniture by force in the King's Service, as the Shire can witness. *Ilbert* laid these two Mannors to *Ilbert* when he was Sheriff, witness the Hundred.

*Placit. Coron.
Herts. 6 E. I.
Rot. 48, cur.
recept. Scac.*

King Henry I. granted this Mannor to *Peter de Valoines*, to whom he was very generous, of whom I have treated in *Hertfordburg*: From that Family it might probably come to the *Nevils*, for it was found Anno 6 Edw. I. that *Walter de Nevil* held this Vill of the Honour of *Valoynes* by the Service of one Knight's Fee, and he paid yearly to the Sheriff for the View of Franc-pledge half a Mark.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 2, fol. 819.*

Walter de Nevil and *Alan Hayrun*, Patrons of this Church, gave it to the Canons of the Order of *Semplingham* at *Norton*, in the County of *York*, for ever: but the Mannor in short time after was granted to ——— *Dokesworth*, who died seiz'd hereof An. 11 Edw. III.

In Process of time it came to the Possession of *Thomas Lord Burgh*, who died seiz'd hereof Anno 4 Edw. VI. leaving Issue *William Lord Burgh*, who was his Son and Heir, of full Age at the time of his Father's Death, and sued out his Livery the same Year.

Rot. in Canc.

King H. VIII. granted the Rectory Church and Advowson of the Vicaridge of *King's Walden*, late Parcels of the Possessions of the late Priory of *Salton* to Sir *Ralph Sadlier*, Kt. and his Heirs.

Richard Hale, Citizen and Grocer of *London*, in the time of Queen *Elizabeth* purchased this Mannor, married *Mary* Daughter and Heir of ——— *Lambert*, erected and endowed a Free-School at *Hertford*, and did many Acts of Charity, and died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue *William* and *Richard*.

William succeeded his Father, and married *Rose* the Daughter of Sir *George Bond*, Kt. was Lord Mayor of *London*, An. 1588, by whom he had Issue *William*, *Rowland*, *Barnard*, *John*, and divers other Sons and Daughters: he was constituted Sheriff of this County Anno 1621 19 Jac. I. and died seiz'd hereof 17 Aug. 1634, leaving Issue.

William, who was his Heir, but I presume he died on the 21st of July, An. 1641 without Issue, for it came to

Rowland, who succeeded his Brother, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter to Sir *Henry Garway*, Kt. by whom he had Issue *William*: He was constituted Sheriff for this County, Anno 23 Car. I. 1647, and died on the seventh Day of April, 1669.

*Hund. of
Ritchin.*

Upon his Death, this Mannor came to *William*, who served twice in Parliament for this County, where he so gained the Hearts of the People, that if he was named in an Election for Parliament for this County, the Free-holders would choose him contrary to his Inclination; he desiring to be excused in Regard of his Health: He was endowed with excellent Parts, great Integrity, and general Learning; he was a good Philosopher, a great Historian, and used an excellent Stile in writing, was firm to the establish'd Religion in the Church of England; a kind Husband, a provident Father, prudent in his House, and very faithful and stedfast to the Interest of his Country; he built a Chappel or Burying-place for his Family, adjoining to the Chancel, and died seiz'd of this Mannor, leaving Issue *Richard, Rowland, William, John, Hierome, Henry, Barnard, Thomas*, and *Mary* married to *John Plomer* of *Blakesware* in this County, Esq. *Katharine* and *Elizabeth* both unmarried.

Richard succeeded, and married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *Isaac Mennel*, Alderman of London, by whom he had Issue *William* and *Mary*, he died the 13th Day of Apr. 1689, and *William* who was his Heir, is now the present Lord hereof.

THIS Church is a Donative, and the Rectory is appropriated to the Use of the Lord of this Mannor, who is Patron of this Church, and hath given 10*l.* per Annum to maintain a Minister to officiate here.

The VICARS.

Mr. Smeath. Mr. Sherlock. Mr. Mott.

The Church is erected near the Mannor-house, in the Deanery of *Ritchin*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, with a Chappel annexed to the same, at the West End thereof a square Tower adjoyns to the Church, wherein are six Bells, and within the Chancel and Church there are Monuments and Grave Stones which shew these Inscriptions.

A Stone under the Altar.

Here lyeth the Body of *William Hale*, Esq; Son and Heir of *Richard Hale*, Esq; who departed this life the 27. of August, 1634. and in the 66th. year of his age.

Let him rest in peace.

Here lyeth the Body of *Rose*, the Daughter of Sir *George Bond*, Kt. and Wife of *William Hale*, Esq; who departed this life the 31th. day of July, anno Dom. 1648. in the 76th. year of her age.

Let her rest in peace.

Here lyeth the Body of *William Hale*, the Son and Heir of *William Hale* Esq; who departed this Life the 21th. of July, anno Dom. 1641. being the 44th. year of his age.

Let him rest in peace.

Here lyeth the Body of *Rowland Hale*, Esq; one of the Sons of *William Hale*, and *Rose*, his Wife, he died the seventh day of April, 1669. in the 64th year of his age.

Let him rest in peace.

Here lyeth the Body of *Elizabeth Hale*, Widow, Daughter of Sir *Henry Garway*, Kt. and Relict of *Rowland Hale*, Esq; She died the 9th. of January, 1678. in the 70th. year of her age.

Hund. of
Mithrin.

At the Foot of the Altar.

Here lies the Body of Sir John Hale, Kt. who was the seventh Son and eleventh Child of William Hale, Esq; and Rose his Wife, he died the 22th. day of January, anno Dom. 1672. and in the 79th. of his age.

Here lieth the Body of Sibil late Wife of Robert Barbor, Gent. who had issue two Sons and two Daughters, she was Daughter to William Sheppard of Great Holeswright in the County of Essex, Esq; and the Sister of Timothy Sheppard, who was buried here. She deceased the 24th. day of May, Anno Dom. 1614.

On the South Side of the Chancel.

Deo Uni Trino Opt. Max. Gloria.

Timotheo Sheppard filius Quatuor-genito, Gulielmo Sheppard de Holeswright, in Com. Essex, Armigeri; Juveni optima indolis et perquam bono; Qui die Mensis Aprilis 29. Anno Dom. 1613 Ætat. suæ 29. in Dom. placidè obdormivit; Tho. Sheppard et Johannes Ferrar fratres ejus et Executores hoc Exile sui grandis amoris posuerunt Monumentum.

*De reliquis dici quæ possunt optima, de te
Dicere quisq; potest, credere quisq; potest.*

On the South Side of a Chapel built by Colonel Hale on the North Side of the Chancel.

Gulielmus Hale

Natus ex Rolando Hale, Armigero,

Et Elizabetha ejus Uxore,

Denatus 25. die Maii Anno Salutis 1688

Ætat. suæ 56,

In hoc quod ipse posuit, sacello,

Reconditorio, si Deus voluerit

Sibi et sui futuro

Hic juxta primus quiescit

Hic juxta requiescit

Richardus Hale, Armiger,

Qui ingenio et Comitatu morum,

Ut Patrem Optimum expressit,

Ita fato hic nimis properato!

Intra anni spatium, quo Pater sublatu est,

Et ipse eodem concessit

Duxerat Uxorem Elizabetham

Filiam et heredem Isaaci Mennel

De Manel Langley Comitatu Barbiensi:

Quæ hoc illi Monumentum

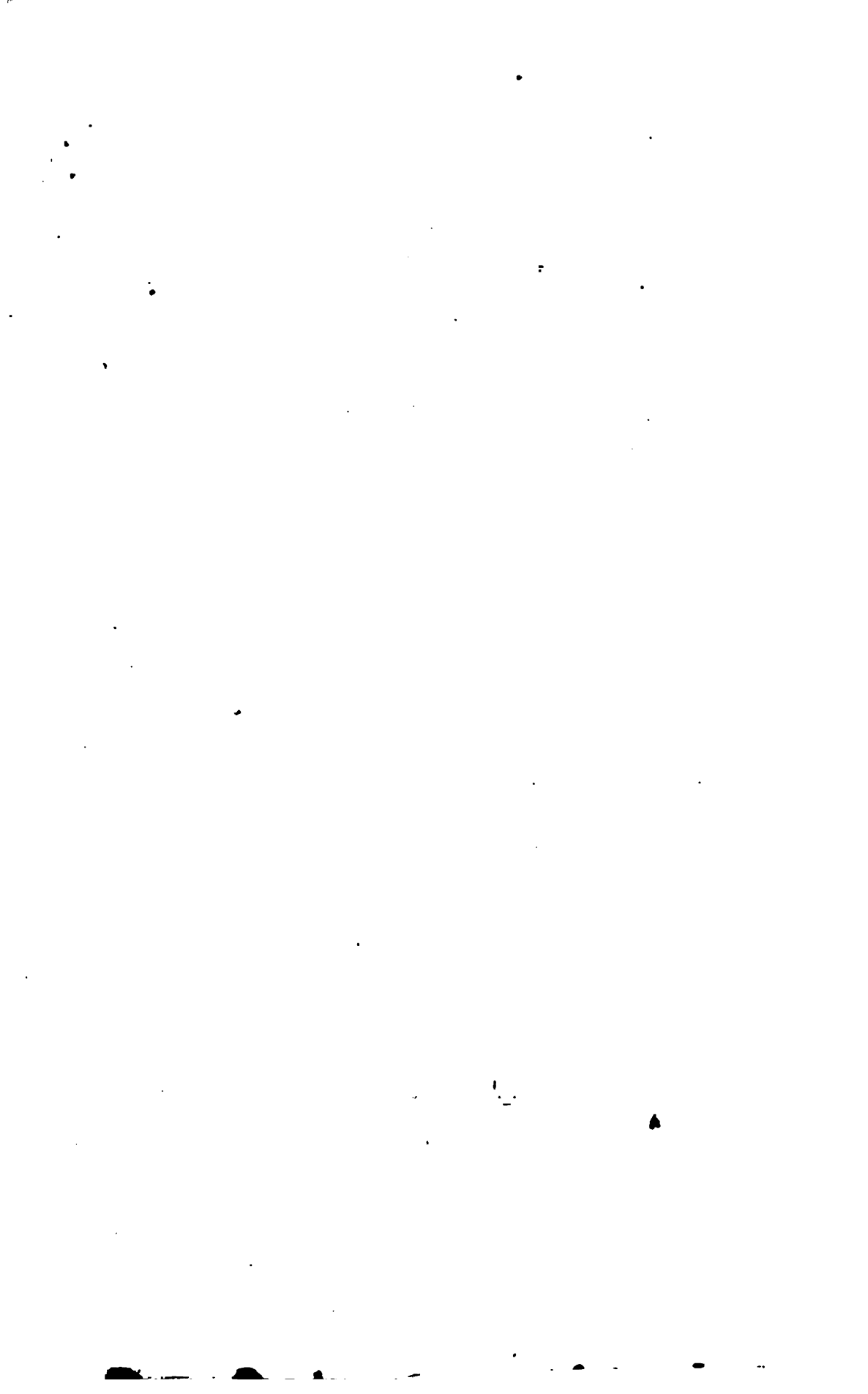
Pio affectu et modesto apparatu posuit

Obiit 13. die Aprilis anno salutis 1689. et Ætat. suæ 30.

STAGENHOE.

THIS Hamlet belongs to the Parish of Paul's Wharfen, but lies in this half Hundred of Mithrin, where it is charged with all parliamentary and extraordinary Taxes. In the time of William the Conqueror, it was Parcel of the Possessions of Ralph the Brother of Ilgerius, for it was then recorded in Domesdei Book, that

Ranulfus frater Ilgerii, et Willielmus de eo tenet in Staghon, unam hidam. Terra est tres carucat. in Dominio est una, et sex Villani habentes aliam, et tertia potest fieri, ibi duo cotarii, Silva viginti. porc. Hæc Terra valet quinquagint. sol. quando recepit viginti. sol tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit, Turbarnus homo Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.



Ralph, the Brother of *Nger*, and *William* held of him one Hide in *Stagneshou*. The arable is three Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and six Villains having another Carucate, and a third may be made; there are two Cottagers, Wood to feed twenty Hogs. This Land is worth fifty Shillings by the Year, when he received it twenty Shillings a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds. *Turnbern*, a Man (under the Protection) of King *Edward*, held this Mannor and might sell it.

Hund. of
Witchin.

From the Conquest, to the time of *Edw. III.* I find not as yet any Account of this Mannor, but in all Probability, it was Parcel of the Possessions of a Family surnamed *de Verdun*, who were Lords of several Mannors in the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*; one of that Surname, viz. *Wydo de Verdun*, being possesst of the Mannors of *Wrisingham* and *Wepdun* in *Norfolk*, in or before the time of *H. III.* whose Successor *John de Verdun* was possesst of them in the ninth Year of King *Edw. I.* and was then in Ward to the Earl Marshal.

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Sir *John de Verdun*, Kt. I suppose succeeded him, by the Calculation of the time, who levied a Fine Anno 12 *Edw. III.* between himself and *Maud* his Wife, Quer. and Master *Alan de Hotham*, Deforceant, of the Mannors of *Saxlingham* and *Moulton*, and the Advowsons of the Churches in *Norfolk*, and other Mannors in *Suffolk*, who settled them to the Use of himself, and his Wife, and to his Heirs.

There was likewise one *Thomas de Verdune* who lived at the same time, and died in the one and twentieth Year of the same King's Reign, but what Mannors he died seized of, is not to our Purpose to mention. After this a Fine was levied of this Mannor, An. 24 *Edw. III.* and that of *Chebburgh* in *Suffolk*, between *Edmund de Verdune*, and *Jane* his Wife, Plaintiffs, and *John de Verdune*, Deforceant; in which *John* granted them to *Edmond* and *Joan* in Tail, with the Services of divers Tenants of these Mannors herein particularly named; in which Family it continued till *Margaret* the Daughter and Heir of Sir *John Verdun*, Kt. and Widow of *Hugh Bradshaw*, brought it with other Mannors to the *Pilkingtons*, a Family of good Account, surnamed *de Pilkington* in *Lancashire*; for though this Mannor is not particularly named, yet there was a Fine levied of a Part of the Inheritance of the Family of *Verdun*, in the first Year of King *Hen. IV.* viz. the Mannors of *Wrisingham* in the County of *Norfolk*, and *Bricklesworth* in the County of *Northampton*, between Sir *John Pilkington*, Kt. and *Margaret* his Wife, Plaintiffs, *Robert de Veere de Lobenham* and *John Weston*, Deforceants, wherein they settled them on Sir *John* and *Margaret*, and the Heirs Males of *Margaret*, with Remainders to their right Heirs, which Settlement would not have been made, if those Mannors had not

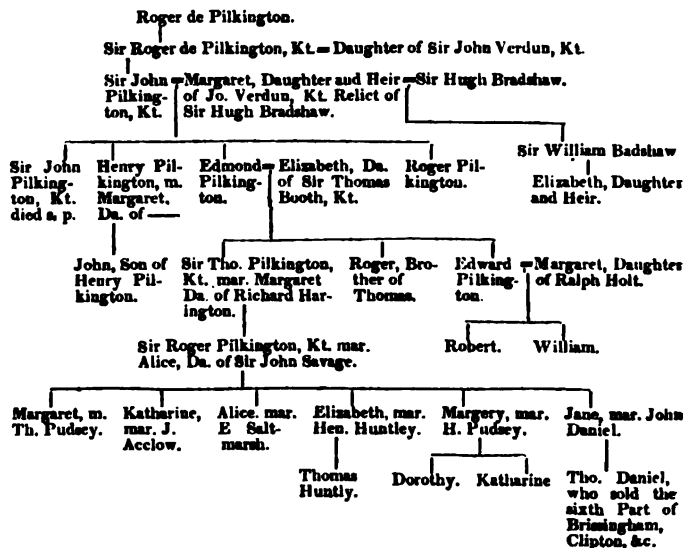
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Com. 1 H. IV
n. 21.

*Hund. of
Witchin.*

been the Inheritance of the Wife, and **Brisingham Mannor**, and this had the same Owners as abovesaid.

These *Pilkingtons* were possess of a great Estate in **Lancashire**, as by the Escheat Rolls in the *Tower* may be seen, and by this following Record, amongst many others, which I have seen, being a Grant of Free-warren to this very **Sir John Pilkington, Kt.** (in all his Mannors in **Lancashire**, wherein at least twenty are named) Grandson and Heir to **Roger de Pilkington**, who had a Grant of that Liberty in them *An. 19 Edw. I.* The Family of the *Pilkingtons* I have incerted, by which the Reader may plainly perceive the Reason of levying the Fines which I shall hereafter quote.



*Fines Com.
Herts 1 H. IV.*

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H. VI. lig. 1,
n. 96.*

A Fine was levied of this Mannor of **Stagenhor**, *Anno 1 H. IV.* between **John Son of Henry de Pilkington**, Plaintiff, and **J. de Pilkington and Margaret** his Wife, Deforc. This **Margaret** lived *Anno 6 Hen. VI.* was then possess of this Mannor, for in that Year, she levied a Fine of the Mannors of **Bricklesworth** in the County of **Northampton**, and **Brisingham** in **Hertford**, between **Ralph Briche** and others, Plaintiffs, and **Margaret** the Widow of **Sir John Pilkington**, Deforceant, whereby those Mannors were settled on Trustees for the Life of **Margaret**; the Remainder to **Sir John Pilkington, Kt.** her Son, the Remainder to **Edmond Pilkington** in Tail, the Remainder to **Robert**, the Remainder to **Elizabeth**, Daughter and Heir of **Sir William Bradshaw** her first Husband's Son and Heir: This **Margaret** lived to a great Age, for she was living till al-

most the 29th of *H. VI.* in which Year there is an Inquisition found after her Death, but her Husband died *An. 6 H. VI.* as appears by the Inquisition after his Death, which was not found till the 15th of that King.

*Hund. of
Witchin.*
Esc. 20 *H. VI.*
Esc. 15 *H. VI.*

Sir *John Pilkington* the Son, was admitted one of the Chamberlains of the *Exchequer*, the 14th of *April, 17 Edw. IV.* but the Mannor of *Stagenhoe*, was settled on the Descendants of *Edmond*, for another Fine was levied *Anno 38 H. VI.* between *Ralph Lever* and *Nicholas Noble*, Plaintiffs, and *William Harrington*, Kt. and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Thomas Pilkington*, Esq. and *Margaret* his Wife, and *Arthur Pilkington*, Deforceants of the Mannor and Advowson of *Brisingham* in *Norfolk*, *Stansted* in *Suffolk*, *Clippston* Church and Chantry: This Mannor of *Stagenhoe*, and divers great Parcels of Land here particularly named in this County, wherein they settled them upon these Trustees, quit of the Heirs of *Elizabeth*, who regranted them to *Thomas Pilkington* in Tail; Remainder to *Roger Pilkington*, Brother of *Thomas*, Remainder to *Arthur Pilkington*, Remainder to *William Harrington* in Tail, Remainder to *John Pilkington*, Son of *Robert Pilkington*, Esq. which *Thomas Pilkington* was afterwards knighted, and took Part with the House of *York*, in the Wars of those times, which created great Trouble to him in the time of *H. VII.* for he was one of those great Men in *Lancashire*, who joyned with the Earl of *Lincoln*, Earl of *Wiltshire*, Lord *Lobell*, Sir *Thomas Broughton*, and others, on the Behalf of *Lambert Simnel*, the counterfeit *Plantagenet*; and fighting on his Side at the Battle of *Stoke* near *Netmark*, *Anno Dom. 1487*, was there slain; whereupon all his Lands were forfeited to the Crown, being a vast Estate in *Lancashire*, and other Counties, and this Mannor among the Rest, was seized into the King's Hands. Shortly after, that King, *Anno 4 Regni sui*, granted this Mannor and divers other Mannors and Lands in *Hert.* of this Sir *Thomas Pilkington's* to *George Lord Straunge*, Son of *Thomas* Earl of *Barby*; he or his Son sold it to *Richard Godfry* of ——— in this County, Esq. in which Family, it continued for two or three Generations, till *Godfry* sold it to *Richard Hale* of *King's Walden*, Esq. from whom it came to *William*, who had divers Children, but it seems gave this Mannor to

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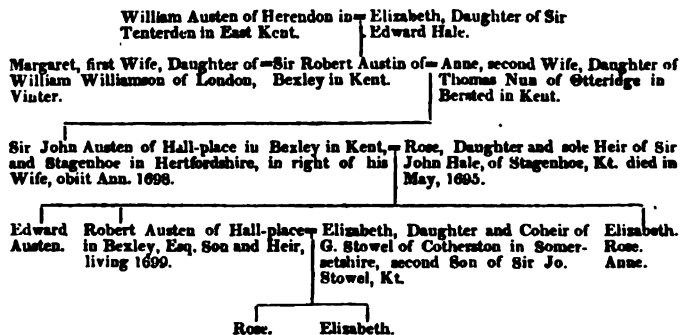
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John Hale, who was his seventh Son, and eleventh Child by *Rose* his Wife, was knighted at Sir *Harbottle Grimston's* House in *Lincoln's Inn Fields*, then Speaker of the House of Commons, *Anno 1660*, and constituted Sheriff for this County, *Anno 1663, 15 Car. II.* He married *Rose*, one of the Daughters of ——— *Bale* of *Saddington* in the County of *Leicester*; was a Person of great Judgment, and good Understanding, delighted in Husbandry, was very kind

*Hund. of
Mittin.*

to his Tenants, and would often please himself with the Conversation of the most intelligent Men in the Affairs of the Country: He built the Mannor-house about the Year 1650, and left Issue only

Rose, who was his Daughter and Heir, married Sir *John Austen* of *Bexley* in the County of *Kent*, Son and Heir of Sir *Robert Austen*, who was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 10th of *July*, 1660, 12 *Car.* II. He served in two Parliaments for the Town of ——— in the County of *Kent*, one held *Anno* 7 *W.* III, the other 9 *W.* III. He gives *Or, a Cheveron Gules between three Bears' Paws erected and erazed Sable*, and is the present Lord hereof.



KAMINTON, or KIMPTON.

THIS Vill was called by the old Saxons, *Kiminton*, from a Brook called *Kint*, which rises near this Place, but in *Domesdei Book* it is writ *Kaminton*, for it is thus recorded there under the Title of *Terra Episcopi Bajocensis*.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 134, nu. 5.

In dimidio Hundred. de Mij. Radulphus tenet de Episcopo Kamintone pro quatuor hidis se defendebat. Terra est decem car. in Dominio sunt duo, et tertia potest fieri, ibi duo Francig. et duodecim Vill. cum duobus Bordis habentibus septem car. ibi tres cotar. et quinq; Servi, pratum sex bobus, Silva octingint. porc. et unum Molin. de octo sol. in totis valent. valet et valet duodecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quindecim lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Alvea mater Comitum Morcar.

Ralph held *Kamintone* of the Bishop of *Bajoux*, in the half Hundred of *Mij*; it was rated for four Hides. The arable is ten Carucates, in *Demeane* are two, and a third may be made; there are two Frenchmen born, and twelve Villains, with two Bordars having seven Carucates, there are three Cottagers, and five Servants, Meadow for six Oxen, Wood to feed eight hundred Hogs, and one Mill of eight Shillings Rent by the Year; in the whole Value it is worth, and was worth, twelve Pounds by the Year; in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifteen Pounds. *Alvea* the Mother of Earl *Morcar* held this Mannor.

I have treated of this Bishop in the Parish of *Clothall*; but I find there were three Mannors in this Vill, 1 *Buckinbanger*, 2 *Parkburp* and *Legats*, 3 *Wibysworth*

*The Mannor of KIMETON.**Hund. of
Kitchin.*


IN old time was termed *Huckinbanger*, from some Owner hereof, who having no Issue Male, might so call it to preserve the Memory of his own Name to Posterity; afterward it came to the Lord *Mordant*, in whose Name and Family it continued for divers Generations, until such time that it was sold to *Thomas Hoo*, Esq. and *William Hoo*, Gent. who was Son and Heir apparent to the said *Thomas*, both whom, on the 22nd of *September*, Anno 38 *Eliz.* held a Court for this Mannor. *William* had Issue *William Hoo*, who succeeded him, and held a Court here on the 26th of *September*, Anno 3 *Car. I.* He was constituted Sheriff of this County, Anno 5 *Car. I.* and died seized hereof the 14th of *March*, An. 1636, *Susan* his Wife surviving him, by whom he left Issue *Thomas* and *Elizabeth*.

Shortly after *Thomas* died, and this Mannor came to *Elizabeth*, who was his Sister and next Heir: She married *Sir Jonathan Keate*, Bart. who held a Court Baron here, Anno 1657, and is now the present Lord hereof.

The Mannor of PARKBURY and LEGATS

WAS so denominated from one *Legat*, who was Lord hereof; but since it became Parcel of the Possessions of the *Knightons*, and afterwards of the *Ferrers*, whose Daughter and Heir married *Thomas Fanshaw*, Esq. of all which Families I have treated in the Parish of *Weyford*. This *Thomas Fanshaw* and *Katharine* his Wife, held a Court Baron here on the fifth of *April*, 1649, but shortly after conveyed it to the Lady *Amy Mordant*, who married *Basset Cole*, and held two Courts for this Mannor, one on the first of *Apr.* 1656, and the other on the first of *June*, 1658, but soon after it was sold to *Sir Jonathan Keate*, Bar. who called a Court in his Name on the seventh of *April*, 1665, and is the present Lord hereof.

The Mannor of BYBBYSWORTH HALL

WAS Parcel of the Possessions of that ancient Family of *Bibbysworth*, from whence it was denominated, for I find *Sir Walter Bibbysworth* held it in the time of *H. III.* died seized hereof, Anno — *Edw. I.* and was buried before the Altar of the blessed *Peter* in the Church of *Bunmofe*.

It continued in this Name till the third Year of *H. VII.* when it expired in a Daughter and Heir, who had Issue, *Richard Barley*; at length it was sold to *Robert Barley*, a Kinsman and Tenant to *William Wiseman*, both which

*Hund. of
Ratcliffe.*

Robert and William, by Indenture dated the 26th of *May*, 1659, sold it to Sir *Jonathan Keat*, Bar. who is the present Lord hereof.

THIS Vicaridge was rated, *Anno 26 Hen. VIII.* in the King's Books at 12*l. per Annum*, and Sir *Jonathan Keats* is Patron hereof.

John Millet, VICAR.

This Church is erected in the Deanery of *Hytham* in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, in the Middle of the Hill, and consists of the Body and one Isle, with a Chapel erected on the North Side of the Church, which is cover'd with Lead, and a square Tower adjoyns the West End of the Church, wherein hang a small Ring of six Bells, with a Spire upon it, about fifteen Foot high, which hath a Weather Cock, and a Crown of Thorns under it.

In this Church are two ancient Monuments, one raised half a Yard above the Ground, the other a Yard, in which it is believed that two of the *Bibbysworths* lye interred; and there is a Grave Stone which has the Name of *Margaret Bibbysworth* inscribed upon it.

Here I conclude this Hundred with this Parish, and proceed to the fourth Division of this County, which is the Hundred of *Catshoe*.

THE
FOURTH
DIVISION OF THIS COUNTY

CONTAINS the Hundred of Albaneston, so termed heretofore from the Town of St. Albans, but now called *Catsho* from *Catsho*, the ancient Seat of *Cassibelan*, King of the *Cassians*: since it became Parcel of the Possessions of the late Monastery of St. Albans. It was made a Liberty by the Grant of *Edward IV.* and upon the Dissolution of that Church, it rested in the Crown, and remained there until such time that King *James I.* by Letters Patents dated the 7th of *April, Anno 9 Regni sui*, granted the whole Liberty of the late Monastery of St. Albans in the County of *Hertford*, with all and every the Appurtenances, to *William Whitmore*, Esq. and *John Eldred*, and their Heirs, who conveyed it in the same Year to *Robert Earl of Salisbury*, from whom it is lineally descended to *James Earl of Salisbury*, the present Lord hereof.

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*



Within this Liberty stood the great City of *Verulam*, where *Cassibelan* kept his Court, and was afterwards made a Free-city of the *Romans*, but since destroyed, so that nothing now remains thereof, more than the Foundation of the Walls, with the Marks of the Ditches that enclosed about four hundred and fifty Acres of Ground; which shewed the Extent of the City, and also the Borough of St. Albans, which was built out of the Ruins of it, and is scituated within this Liberty.

'Tis bounded on the North and East with the Hundreds of *Hitchin* and *Broadwater*; on the South with *Middlesex*, and on the West with the Hundred of *Bacorum*: The Town and Borough of St. Albans is the chief Place where the Justices of the Peace hold the general Sessions, and act the publick Business, as well for the Liberty as the Borough: It contains these Parishes and Hamlets, which are divided between three high Constables; whereof one has in his Division, *Abbots Langley*, *Sarret*, *Rickmersworth*, *Watford*, *Catsho*, *Aldenham*, *Folestree*, (near *Sulloniata*, heretofore a Roman City, but now an uninhabitable Place) *Chipping Wernet*, *East Wernet*, *Northam*, and *Bridge*; another high Constable hath *St. Stephens*, *Park Ward*, *Sleep*, and

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

Smalford, Tittenhanger, St. Michaels, Windridge Ward, Redburne, and Sandridge; and the third high Constable hath Paul's Walden, Codicote, Brantfield, Shephale, Periton, Norton, and Newnham: But before I enter upon this Liberty, I shall take Notice of the ancient decayed City of Verolam, and the Borough of St. Alban, which is a Liberty of itself within the Liberty of St. Alban, exempted from it by the King's Grant, for that it gives them Justices of the Peace and Officers of their own, chosen out of themselves; and then I shall proceed to the other Parishes and Hamlets after the Manner I have prescribed.

VEROLAMIUM, VERULAMIUM.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol. 9.*

WAS a great and populous City, when *Julius Caesar*, Emperor of the *Romans*, invaded the *Britains*, and the Place where *Cassibelan*, Prince of the *Cassians*, and the most great and potent of the Kings of this Island kept his Court, which was the Reason they chose him their General by common Consent; but *Caesar* knowing their Design, forthwith marched on the South Side of the Thames, with his Army, towards the Frontiers of his Country, which was divided from the maritime Cities by that River, to a Place now called *Comay Stakes*, near *Watland* in *Surrey*, distant from the Sea about eighty Miles; where some Prisoners and Fugitives showed him that the River was fordable, but the Passage proving difficult, because the Bank itself was fenced with sharp Stakes of the Thickness of a Man's Thigh, cover'd over with Lead and Water, that they could not be discern'd and driven deep into the Bottom of the River, that they were unmoveable, and as the Watermen there now say, do remain to this Day; and he perceiving great Forces of the Enemy in good Order, ready to receive him on the other Side of the River, first commanded his Horse through the Water, then sent his Legions after them, who waded through the River with great Speed and Resolution, (their Heads only appearing above Water) then both Horse and Foot charged the Enemy with such Violence, that they forsook the Bank and fled.

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Suthery,
fol. 295, 296.*

*Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
197.*

Cassibelan despairing of Victory, dismiss his Forces, and the *Cassians* by their Ambassadors yielded themselves to *Caesar*, from whom he understood that *Verolam*, where *Cassibelan* usually resided, was not far off, strengthened and surrounded with Woods and Marshes, well filled with Men and Cattle, for the *Britains* called intricate Woods, compast about with a mud Wall and a Ditch, a Town whither they were wont to resort, for the avoiding the incursion of their Enemies.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
10.*

Cæsar marched with his Legions thither, and though he found the Place notably fortified by Nature and Art, yet he assaulted it in two Places: The *Britains* defended it for some time, but when they were not able to withstand the Force and Power of the *Romans*, they fled out at another Part of the City, where the *Romans* took many Prisoners, put great Numbers of them to the Sword in the View of the Rest, and seized great Store of Cattle for the present Support and Provision of their Army.

This City was scituated on the gentle Descent or Side of the Western Hill facing the East, fenced about with very strong Walls, a double Rampire, deep Trenches toward the South, and water'd with a Brook on the East Part, which in old time made a great Meere or standing Pool: *Tacitus* called it *Verulamium*; *Ptolomy*, *Aronamium* and *Verolamium*, so denominated from the River *Ver*; and *Humphrey Lhuid* makes it as if it was *Verulham*, a Church upon the *Ver*: When the Inhabitants hereof had lived sometime under the Government of the *Romans*, divers of them became excellent Soldiers, and did notable Service for them; in Consideration whereof, the *Romans* granted to them the Priviledges of Roman Citizens, and made the Town a Free-city: In the time of *Nero* it was accounted a *Municipium*, so that *Ninius* in his Catalogue of Cities, calls it *Cæsar Municipium*, which makes it probable, this was the very *Cæsar Municipium* which *Hubert Coltzius* found in an old Inscription. These *Municipia*, saith *Cambden*, were Towns endowed with the Rights of Roman Citizens; this Name came a *muneribus Capiendis*, of having publick Offices and Charges in the Commonwealth, as I have shewed before in treating of the Town of *Hertford*.

Whilst *Suetonius Paulinus*, Lieutenant of Britain, and one of the most famous military Men of his Age, was busied in the Conquest of *Mona*, (the Isle of *Anglesey*), *Bunduica* or *Boaditia*, Queen of the *Icenians*, incited by the deep Love she bore to her Country, and exasperated by the bitter Hatred she had to the *Romans*, took the Opportunity to raise a bloody and mortal War upon them; brought a great Army hither, and rased and destroyed this City, because the Inhabitants were very true and faithful to the *Romans*; therefore they hanged some, burned others, and crucify'd others, using all the Cruelty and inhumane Outrage that a giddy Rabble, elevated with Success, could think of: They took no Prisoners to preserve for Ransom or Exchange, according to the Law of War; but cut in Pieces both *Romans* and their Allies, to the Number of seventy thousand, or, as *Dio* saith, eighty thousand: They stripped naked the noblest and honestest of their Matrons, hanged them, cut off their Breasts, and sowed them to their

*Hand. of
Caishoe.*

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
10.*

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Herta
fol. 408.*

*Polygobion,
fol. 254.*

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
19.*

*Hund. of
Catspoe.*

Tacitus, Ann.
4, cap. 34,
fol. 252.

Ral.: *Hist. of
the World.*
lib. 2, pt. 1,
sect. 3, fol. 253

Mouths, that they might seem to eat their own Flesh; all which they did, whilst they sacrificed and caroused in the Temple of *Andate*, their Goddess of Victory.

During the time these things were acting, *Suetonius* returned from *Mona* with the fourteenth Legion, the Standard Bearers of the twentieth, and about ten thousand of the Auxiliaries, resolved to fight them, and forthwith chose a Place with a narrow Entrance, a thick Wood for Defence behind him, a wide Plain before him, and prepared for Battle: the Legionaries were drawn up in close Order, and encompassed them with the light-armed Horsemen, who always fought first, and moved as Occasion offer'd. In the meantime, the *Britains*, ranged abroad in great Companies and Brigades, triumphing, and supposing no Force could resist them; in Confidence whereof, they brought their Wives, and plac'd them in Wagons about the utmost Parts of the Plain, to View the Slaughter of the *Romans*, and to be Witnesses of their expected Victory: *Boaditia* commanding in Chief, mounts her Chariot with her two Daughters, after the usual Manner of the ancient *Britains*, who were wont to fight in Chariots against the *Romans*, armed like the *Egyptians*, with sharp and broad Hooks on both Sides, like the Mower's Scythe, and encouraging her Army with a Speech, used many Arguments to animate her Soldiers, who were a rude and undisciplin'd Multitude, consisting of 230,000 fighting Men, and perswading them to pursue their Enemies, as Dogs and Wolves chase fearful Hares and Foxes; she let lose a live Hare out of her Lap, at which the *Britains* shouted, apprehending the speedy Course of the Hare through the Army was ominous, and presag'd the Flight of the *Romans*: *Suetonius* on the other Side, exhorted his Soldiers not to be frightened with the great Numbers of their Enemies, but to fall on boldly, and keeping close together, to continue the fight, which could not be long after they should break their Front, for the rest were but an irregular unweildy Multitude. At the first, the *Britains* surrounded their Enemies, throwing Darts where they saw Advantage, and oftentimes, by the Fierceness of their Horses, and Rufflings of their Wheels, they brake their Ranks, and crowding themselves in among the Troops of Horse, they leapt out of their Chariots, and fought on Foot; in the mean time the Drivers withdrew from the Battle, and so plac'd themselves, that if their Masters were oppress'd in Fight, or out numbered, they might readily return to them, when they had perform'd the Duties of Horsemen in their nimble motion, and of Footmen in keeping their Ground; and they were so expert by Use in managing their Horses, that they could stop or turn them on a Speed, down a steep Hill, and could run along on the Pole of the

Chariot, stand firm upon the Yoke, and return speedily into it. But the Legions kept the Streight as a Place of Defence, whilst the *Britains* spent their Darts, then marching into the Plain, where the Auxiliaries and Horsemen made Way, they marshall'd the Body of their Army in the Form of an irresistible Wedge, which enter'd, broke, and dissipated the Party that opposed them, the Rest fled but could not easily escape, by Reason of their own Wagons which were placed about the Plain; they spared none, and the dead Bodies of Men and Women were intermixt together, on Heaps with the dead Carcasses of Horses: 'Tis said there were eighty thousand *Britains* slain in this Fight, and four hundred *Romans* killed, and as many wounded. *Boaditia*, *Tacitus* saith, poisoned herself; but *Dio* reported she died of Sickness, when the *Britains* had prepared for another Battle.

*Hand. of
Caistor.*

After the *Romans* had subdued this Isle, and made the *Britains* subject to their Government, by the great Prudence and Wisdom of *Agricola*, who was a Terror to them that opposed him, and a Patron to those who were obedient to their Magistrates: He assisted and encouraged the People to build Houses, Temples, and Courts of Justice: Taught the Sons of Noblemen the Roman Eloquence, and by Degrees brought their Gowns and Habits in Request with the *Britains*. He taught the Gentry the liberal Arts, and the Common People the Advantages of Trade and Traffick among themselves; which made the Government acceptable, and Order and Civility very delightful to them: Then the Breaches of this City were repaired and it began to flourish again; for it grew exceeding populous, and the Inhabitants very rich: Then the ancient Coins of Money were stamped here, Money became very plentiful, and the *Britains* lived at great Ease and Quiet till the Year of Christ 308, when the innocent and harmless Christians, throughout the Empire, suffered under a most horrid and dreadful Persecution, because they would not worship the Roman Gods according to the Command of *Dioclesian*.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol. 7.*

*Bede, lib. 1,
cap. 7, fol. 31.
Brady's Hist.
fol. 32.*

Barnabas and *Saul* assembled themselves about the Year of the World 4046, at *Antioch*, where they preached the Gospel to the People, and their Disciples were first denominat-ed Christians, because they profess the Name of Christ, and all the Articles of their Faith were afterwards comprised in the three Creeds, called the *Apostles'*, the *Athanasian*, and the *Nicens* Creed, confirmed by the four first General Councils observed by the primitive Christians, and are now practis'd in the Church of *England*, without any Addition, Diminution, or Alteration, as is manifest by the same Creeds, which makes it the same Church that our Saviour Christ instituted, and the Scriptures now warrant. Bat whosoever

*Acts of the
Apostles, xi.
v. 26.*

*Hund. of
Cathol.*

Galat. i. 8, 9.

*2 Tim. iii. 16.
2 Peter i. 21.
Rom. ii. 2.*

*Council of
Laodicea,
Can. 60.
Usher de Pri-
mordia, p. 15.*

*Matt. vi. 9.
Luke xi. 1, 2.*

shall add to these Articles of Faith, and force new Doctrines upon their Proselytes, do erect a new Church, and may reasonably dread the Anathema of St. Paul, who declared, *Though we or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel, than that which we have preached, let him be accursed*; for all Faith is founded upon divine Authority; and there is now no divine Authority but the Scriptures which were given by the Inspiration of God, and delivered by holy Men, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, which was the Reason that neither the Jewish Church, (to whom the Oracles of God were committed) nor the Christian Church would allow the Apocriphal Books, because they were wrote after the time that Prophecy and divine Inspiration ceased; neither is it rational to believe that our blessed Saviour will know them at the Day of Judgment, who separate from his Church, and communicate with others who prefer their own extemporary Notions before that sacred Prayer which he composed for the Use of his Disciples, and glory in their rude Addresses to God, which could never proceed from his Spirit, for they are fraughted with Nonsense, which none will dare to charge upon the Wisdom of God. This was the Cause that Liturgies were first ordained, that we might worship God in Order, in Decency, in Humility, and in Righteousness: To this Purpose St. James, whom the Apostles ordained the first Bishop of Jerusalem, composed a Liturgy for that Church, from whence he was called *Jacobus Liturgus*; St. Clement his Constitution; St. Basil and St. Chrysostome their Liturgies in the Greek Church; St. Ambrose and St. Augustine their Hymn of *Te Deum*; the Apostles, St. Athanasius, and the Fathers in the Council of Nice, those sacred Confessions of the Christian Faith, and excellent Compendiums of the holy Gospel, from whence the Liturgy of the Church of England was compiled, by Men famous for the Excellency of their Lives, and the Glory of their Martyrdom; which Compilers were so cautious of Offence, that they would not admit any thing in it which might give Occasion to the inquisitive Presbyter, or the most industrious Wits of the Roman Party to raise a Doubt, or scarce a Scruple in a wise Spirit, so that they joyn'd with us in Devotion about ten or eleven Years after the Decease of Queen Mary, till the temporal Interest of their Church widen'd the Schism, and then they charged it only with Imperfection or Want of something which they thought convenient to be inserted in it; and these Compilers shew'd a prophetick Spirit, to compose every Word therein at that time, proper to the present Language used in this Age. 'Tis reported when the Apostles were sent abroad to propagate the Gospel, some of them, or others who lived in the next succeeding Age, might bring the Christian Religion

hither. Some hold, when *Philip* one of the twelve Apostles came to *France*, where he converted divers Pagans, hearing there of the *Britains*, sent *Joseph* of *Arimathea*, with *Josephus* his Son, and eleven more of his Disciples hither, who, with great Zeal and undaunted Courage, preached the true and lively Faith of Christ: And when King *Arviragus* consider'd the Difficulties that attended their long and dangerous Journey from the *Holy Land*, beheld their civil Behaviour and innocent Lives, and observed their Sanctity and the Severities of their Religion, he gave them a certain Island in the West Part of his Dominions for their Habitation, called *Avalon*, containing twelve Hides of Land, where they built a Church, which was made of wreathen Wands, and set a Place apart for the Burial of their Servants: These holy Men were devoted to a religious Solitude, confined themselves to the Number of twelve, lived there after the Manner of Christ and his Apostles, and by their Preaching converted a great Number of the *Britains*, who became Christians.

Upon this Ground the Ambassadors of the Kings of *England*, claimed Precedency of the Ambassadors of the Kings of *France*, *Spain*, and *Scotland*, in several Councils held in *Europe*; one at *Pisa*, Anno 1409, another at *Constance* in the Year 1414, another at *Siena*, Anno 1424, and especially at *Basil*, Anno 1434, where the Point of Precedency was strongly debated, and the Ambassadors from *France* insisting much upon the Dignity and Magnitude of that Kingdom, said, 'Twas not reasonable that *England* should enjoy equal Priviledges with *France*; but the Ambassadors for *England* insisting upon the Honour of the Church, declared that the Christian Faith was first received in *England*, affirming, that *Joseph* of *Arimathea* came with others, in the 15th Year after the Assumption of the Virgin *Mary*, and converted a great Part of the People to the Faith of Christ, and in short time after the Passion of Pope *Elutherius*, reduced the whole Kingdom entirely to the Faith; but *France* received not the Christian Religion till the time of *Dionisius*, by whose Ministry it was converted, and by Reason thereof, the Kings of this Land ought to have the Right of Precedency, for that they did far transcend all other Kings in Worth and Honour, so much as Christians were more excellent than Pagans.

But to return to these religious Men; when they died, King *Lucius* confirmed the Grant of this Island to *Phagian* and *Diruvian*, and their Successors, who baptized him, his Nobles, and People, at the holy Font; and limited their Company to the same Number, until St. *Patrick* came, and taught them the Order of a monastick Life, and became their first Abbot; after whom *Benignus*, *Columkilla*, and *Gildas*

*Hund. of
Cathos.*

*Conc. of Constan-
Sem. 30.
Usher de
Primo Eccl.
Brit. p. 22.*

*Cressy's Chur.
Hist. of Brit.
fol. 26.*

*Alphonse
Garsius Adoec
for the Right
of Spain.*

*Godolph. Abr.
of Eccl. Laws,
Introd. p. 7.*

*Hand. of
Caistor.*

lived most religiously here with these Brethren: Then *David*, Archbishop of *Menebia*, now called *St. David*, came hither, and adjoyned another small Chappel, after the Form of a Chancel, on the East End of the Church, and consecrated it to the Honour of the Virgin *Mary*; to whose Memory he built an Altar in this Place, and erected a Pyramid without, on the North Side, and a Pair of Stairs within the Pyramid, and the Chappels were divided by a Line or Step, where the holy *Joseph*, and many pious Men are said to lie buried, according to some Antiquaries.]

*Still. Antiq.
of the Brit.
Church, fol. 6,
45.*

But others hold, that this Story was a mere Invention of the Monks of *Glassenbury*, to advance the Reputation of their Monastery; and that *St. James* the Son of *Zebedee*, another of the Apostles, taught the Christian Religion in Britain, about the time of *Claudius Tiberius Caesar*: Others attribute this great Work to *Simon Zelotes*; and others affirm, That *St. Paul* came from Spain to the British Islands, and planted this Religion in the time that the *Romans* govern'd here, and have proved it by several Passages from *Gildas*, *Eusebius*, *Theodoret*, *St. Jerome*, *Clement Romanus*, and others; but be it whomsoever you will that brought it hither, 'tis certain it came from some of the Eastern Churches; for when *Augustine* the Monk came hither, he found a great Number of Christians here, but to his great Grief, they observed the Usages and Customs of the Eastern Churches.

Ibid.

*Ibid. 356, 357,
358, 359.*

The religious Men who first brought it hither, resided together with the Bishop in his House, where they lived under his Government after the Manner of Christ and his Apostles, and the People resorting to them, worshipped God with great Zeal and Fervency of Spirit, and the Bishop continually sent them abroad to preach the Gospel to the People; and they lived upon the free Offerings which those Christians sent to the Bishop, from the several Places of their Devotions; and the Bishop allowed to every Clerk his Dividend out of the same for his Maintenance; and they were seldom seen abroad by Reason of their continual Residence with the Bishop, which caused the People to flock about a Clergyman whensoever they espied him, and to beg his Benisons with all Reverence, which he would grant, either by signing them with the Cross, or by recommending them to God in his Prayers; and their great Zeal and religious Deportment, raised in the People the greater Earnestness of Attention when they preached. And after the Number of these religious Men grew too great for the Bishop's Family, Monasteries, so termed from the Greek Word *Μοναστήριον*, were erected for their Habitation; and these were made Schools or Nurseries at the first for these religious Men, before Universities were founded.

*Council of
Antioch, cap.
103, 104.
Syn. Rom.
cap. 6.*

But when some Christians that lived remote from them, could not upon all Occasions repair to them by Reason of the Distance of their Habitations, the great and wealthy Men erected Churches, Chapels, and Oratories in the Country Villages, after the Form of Building used in those Days, by publick Contributions of well affected Converts; and they were supplied by such Ministers whom the Evangelical Bishops sent to officiate there; then the Founders of those Oratories provided them Houses for their Habitation, and gave them Offerings for the Provision of their Families.

*Head. of
Cathol.*

But when these Priests were driven from their Habitations, because they would not sacrifice to the Roman Gods in the time of *Dioclesian*, their Churches and Oratories were burnt, and the Christians fled to remote and obscure Places to preserve their Lives; at that time a Christian Preacher, called by some *Amphibalus*, flying from *Carlton* in *Wales* to the East of this Island, that he might avoid the Persecution, came to the House of *Alban*, an eminent Citizen of *Verulam*, who received him there, and observing for some time the strict and holy Life of his Guest, and his continual Perseverance therein, accompanied with a fervent Zeal and hearty Devotion, it made a great Impression upon his Heart, and raised an ardent Desire in him to discourse and know the Reasons of the Severity of his Life, and the Ground of his Religion; thus he gave the Priest Opportunity to make him sensible of the Blindness of Idolatry, and the Danger that attended the Worship of false Gods; then he gladly learnt the Knowledge of the true God, and was convinced that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the Saviour of the World; by this Means he made *Alban* a true Convert and a perfect Christian.

When the Judge of the City was informed that this Clerk (for so he was then stiled) lodged in *Alban's* House, he sent some Soldiers to convey him before him, but *Alban* having Notice of it, privately sent him away, and clothing himself in his Habit, personated his Guest, and offered himself to the Soldiers, who bound and brought him to the Pagan Judge, at the time whilst he was sacrificing unto Devils at his Altar; upon his Sight of *Alban*; he was moved with great Rage because he had conveyed his Guest away, and offered himself a Prisoner in his Stead to the Soldiers; therefore commanded to bring him before the Images of the Devils, saying, Because thou hadst rather hide and convey away a Rebel, than deliver him to the Officers, if thou shalt refuse to worship these Gods, thou shalt suffer the same Punishment which he should have done; But the holy *Alban* who had betray'd himself to the Persecutors, being armed with spiritual Warfare, slighted the Threats and Menaces of the Judge, and openly declared he would not obey his

*Bede, lib. 1,
cap. 1, 7, fol.
31, 32, 33, 34,
35.*

*Hand. of
Cathol.*

Commands; then said the Judge, what is your Family or Kindred? *Alban* answered, That is nothing to thee from what Stock I descend; but if thou desirest to know my Religion? I am a Christian, and apply myself to the Profession of that Religion. The Judge demanding his Name, he answered, My Parents called me *Alban*, and I adore and worship the true and living God, who created all the World. The Judge moved with Anger, said, If thou wilt enjoy the Happiness of this present Life, delay not to sacrifice to these mighty Gods? *Alban* replied, These Sacrifices which you offer to Devils, can neither help them that sacrifice to them, nor yet answer the Prayers and Desires of their Supplicants; but whosoever shall offer Sacrifices to these Images, shall receive the eternal Pains of Hell for their Reward: These and the like Words moved the Judge to great Wrath, so that he commanded the Tormentors to whip the holy Confessor of God, fancying that Stripes might overcome the Constancy of his Heart, when Words would not prevail; but he conquer'd their Cruelty by his Patience, and rejoiced that he had the Honour to suffer for the Lord's Sake, till rather their Weariness than their Pitty made them desist; At length the Judge finding this Punishment would not prevail, commanded that his Head should be sever'd from his Body.

Bede, ibid.

Many People going to a Hill called *Holmshurst*, the Place appointed for his Execution, were stop'd at a Bridge which crost the River, because the Passage being streight admitted few to go on Breast; so that *Alban* following the Multitude, could not pass over before the Evening, and covetous of a Crown of Martyrdom, came to the Stream, where lifting up his Eyes to Heaven, prayed that the Water might part, that the Crowd of People might pass through the River on dry Ground, whereupon, 'tis said, the Water immediately stop'd, and the Multitude walked over like the Child renof *Israel* through the River of *Jordan*. The sight of this Miracle made so great an Impression upon the Heart of the Executioner, that he refused to perform his Office, choosing rather to die for him, than to offer any Violence to him; whereupon another was substituted in his Place, and he condemned to suffer the same Punishment for his Contempt and Disobedienee.

Bede, ibid.

Alban deck'd with divers Flowers, and his Face adorn'd with a natural Comliness, came to the Top of the Hill, distant about two hundred Paces from the River; and being thirsty desired some Water, and upon his Prayer my Author adds, that a Spring of Water immediately gushed out of the Earth at his Feet, to the Amazement of all that saw it: Then the Head of the most constant Martyr was parted from his Body, and he received a Crown of immortal Life on the

20th day of *June*, in the Year 293. At the same Instant, the Eyes of the Executioner drop'd out of the Sockets and fell to the Ground with the Head of the Martyr; soon after, the Convert Executioner appointed to perform this bloody Part upon *Alban*, was executed in the same Manner for refusing to act this Office, after whom *Aaron* and *Julius*, two other Citizens of *Verulam*, suffered Martyrdom with them.

The Citizens of *Verulam* engraved the Martyrdom of *Alban* on a Marble Stone, and inscribed the same upon their Walls, to reproach the Martyrs and terrify the Christians; till such time that the Blood of Martyrs conquered the Cruelty of Tyrants: Afterwards Christianity was restored again, and established by *Constantine* the Great, who was the first Christian Emperor, Son of *Constantius* King of *Britain*, who secured the Christian Religion, and would not suffer any Person to die for it in his Dominions; He deceased, was buried at *York*, and *Constantine* his Son was proclaimed Emperor the sixth Day of *August*, in the Year of Christ 306.

He raised here an Army of forty thousand Foot, and eight thousand Horse, against *Maxentius*, who opposed him at *Rome*, committed the civil Administration of *Britain* to *Pacatianus* Vicar to the Pretorian Prefect of *Gallia*, declared himself a Christian in the Head of his Army, which certainly he would never have done had not Christianity at that time been profest in *Britain*.

He in his March towards *Italy* beat back the Barbarians, who would have passed the *Rhine* to enter into his Territories, won the Affections of all his Subjects, attack'd the Tyrant *Maxentius*, who had exercised his Cruelties at *Rome*, seiz'd upon all the Cities that opposed his Passage, defeated the Troops of *Maxentius* three several times, and meeting him with a great Army near *Rome*, totally routed him, and *Maxentius* was destroyed in his Flight, by the Fall of a Bridge, as he endeavoured to make his Escape over it. *Constantine* told *Eusebius* that in his March he saw in the Heavens a Cross of Light with this Inscription, *Hoc signo vinces*, *By this Signe you shall overcome your Enemies*. After that *Jesus* appeared unto him in his Sleep, and commanded him to make a Standard in the Form of a Cross, which he did in Obedience to this Revelation; and after his Victory, he placed his Standards among his Trophies in the Midst of the City of *Rome*, with this Inscription; *By this Salutary Signe, which is the Marke of the true Power, I have delivered your City, from the Yoke of Tyranny, and establish'd your Senate and People in their ancient Splendor*.

After *Constantine* had settled the Affairs of *Rome*, he

Hund. of
Catshoe.

Camd. Brit.
tit. Herta
fol. 410.

Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
313.
Camd. Brit.
tit. Herta
fol. 41.
Lloyd, Bp. of
St. Amph's
Church Gov.
in Brit. p. 49.
Du Pin's Eccl.
Hist. vol. 2,
fol. 11.

Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol. 33

Du Pin's Eccl.
Hist. vol. 2,
fol. 11.

Ibid. fol. 12.

*Hund. of
Cathos.*

celebrated the Nuptials of his Sister with the Emperor *Licinius* at *Mallan*, then the two Emperors publish'd their first Edict in Favour of the Christians, by which they granted Liberty of Conscience to all their Subjects, and at their going thence, they allowed the Christians by another Edict, the publick Exercise of their Religion, and commanded those Places should be restored to them, where they were wont to serve God.

Shortly after a great Breach arose between the two Emperors. War was proclaimed in the Year 314, and they fought a great Battle at *Banonia*, where the Army of *Licinius* was defeated, after that another in *Thracia*, where the Advantage proving equal on both Sides, the Emperors concluded a Peace for that time; but this did not hinder *Constantine* from promoting the Affairs of the Christians; for upon the Complaint of the *Donatists*, he called a Council at *Arles* in the Year 314, where *Ebonius*, Bishop of *York*, *Restitutus* Bishop of *London*, and *Adelpus* Bishop of *Camolobunum* or *Malden*, *Sacerdos* a Priest, and *Arminius* a Deacon were present, and brought thence the Canons of this Council into *Britain*, that they might be observed here; in which Council 'twas ordain'd that

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
33.*

*Du Pin's Eccl.
Hist. vol. 2,
fol. 12.*

Ibid.

Masters should manumise their Slaves, that were within the Church, in the Presence of the Bishop and the People. The People should observe the Sunday, and no Person be allowed to travel on that Day, and all Men should be permitted to devise Goods by their Will to the Church. During all this while, *Licinius* Emperor of the East, publish'd Edicts against the Christians, persecuted them, and demolish'd their Churches, upon which *Constantine* declared War against him *Anno* 324, conquer'd him near *Adrianople* and *Chalcedon*; then besieged him in *Nicomedia*, whither he retired after his Defeat. *Licinius* unable to maintain the Siege surrender'd and lay himself at the Feet of *Constantine*, who sent him to *Thessalonica*, where shortly after he was put to Death under Pretence, that he design'd to stir up Sedition; then *Constantine* repeal'd all the Edicts that *Licinius* had made against the Christians, releas'd those who had been condemn'd to the Mines, recall'd them who had been banish'd, restored those who had been deprived of their Honours or Estates upon the Account of Religion, return'd the Goods of the Martyrs, which had been confiscated, to their Heirs, rebuilt the Christian Churches, and restored their Burial Places to them. Then he demolish'd the Pagan Idols and Temples, and suppress'd Idolatry throughout the Roman Empire: After that he erected divers stately Churches for the publick Worship of God in several Places and by his great Magnificence and pious Example, other Christian Kings, Princes, Nobles, and Men

*Eusebius,
Spelm. Conc.
cils, p. 37 to
47.
Seld. Hist. of
Tythes, cap. 6,
sect. 3, cap. 9,
11, 12.*

of Fair Estates (in his Reign and in succeeding Ages) at their proper Cost and Charges, built convenient Churches, Chapels, and Oratories, as well in all Christian Realms, as in this Island, within their several Lordships, near their Mansion Houses, for the most Part where they with their Families and Tenants might conveniently worship God, receive the Sacrament, and enjoy all publick Ordinances for the better Edification and Salvation of their Souls: Hence three Sorts of Churches were instituted.

I. Cathedrals, denominated from the Bishop's Chair or See, where the Bishop or Superintendant over the Diocess resided, as the Dean and Chapter do to this Day.

II. Convents or Monasteries, which were derived from the Communities of religious Men and Women in the primitive Church, who lived after the Manner of the Apostles, with the Believers of both Sexes, that they might be the better instructed in the Faith and Duties of Christianity, and enabled to provide for their Poor, live charitably together, and continue to practice all religious Duties: Monasteries were of three kinds.

The first consisted of Clerks and Monks who professed some Order of Religion; shaved their Heads like St. Paul at *Cenchrea*, and lived under a Vow. These were the Schools and Universities of those times, wherein Men were qualified for the several Offices in Religion, as the Monastery of *Mangor*, where *Bede* tells us, above two thousand Persons resided together in seven Colledges; of which none had less than three hundred Monks: and *William* of *Malmesbury* who writ about 400 Years after *Bede*, seems to confirm it, where he saith, We see so many half ruin'd Walls, so many Windings of Porticos, so great an Heap of Ruins, as you shall scarce meet with else-where.

Another Sort consisted of Men and Women, who lived like the religious Women that followed and accompanied the blessed Apostles in one Society, and travelled together for the Advantage of their Improvement in an holy Life; from those Women these Monasteries were deriv'd, and govern'd only by devout Women, so ordain'd by the Founders, in respect of the great Honour they had for the Virgin *Mary*, whom *Jesus* upon the Cross recommended to St. *John* the Evangelist: These Governesses had as well Monks as Nuns in their Monasteries, and Jurisdictions over both Men and Women, and those Men who improved themselves in Learning, and the Abbess thought qualify'd for Orders, she recommended to the Bishop, who ordained them, yet they remained still under her Government, and officiated as Chaplains, until she pleased to send them forth upon the Work of the Ministry. *Ebba* Abbess of *Cloudesbury*, St. *Bridget* Abbess of *Kildare* in *Ireland*, the Abbess of *Re-*

Hand. of
Cathar.
Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. vol. 19.

Guil. Malmsh.
lib. 1, in Angl.
p. 9, l. 3.

Lloyd's Char.
Gov. p. 170.
Bede's Hist.
4, 25.
War. Descript
Hibern. 1, 2.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

*Bede, 4, 23,
p. 320, 322,
3, 25.*

*Bede, cap. 4,
25.
Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
541.*

pandun in England, and others, had several Monks under their Charge; particularly *Hilda*, great Grandchild to King *Edwine* Abbess of *Streanshalchnew* *Whithy*, famous for her Learning, Piety, and excellent Government in the time of the *Saxons*; when *Bede* said, She held her Subjects so strictly to the reading of the Scripture and the Performance of the Works of Righteousness, that many of them were fit to be Churchmen, and to serve at the Altar; so that afterwards, saith he, we saw five Bishops who came out of her Monastery, and *Tatfrith* a sixth was elected, but died before he could be ordained. She was a profest Adversary to all the Rights of *Rome*, especially clerical Censure: And we read, she appear'd with her Clergy in the Synod held at her Monastery *Anno* 664, for the deciding of that great Controversie about the right time of holding *Easter*, and maintain'd the Argument on the Part of *Coleman*, a *Scotchman*, Bishop of *Holphead*, who held the Quartodeciman Way, according to the Asian Tradition on the Behalf of the *Scotch*, against *Wilfride* an *Englishman*, who maintained the Custom of the Romish Church in the Behalf of the *English*; and 'tis reported the like Government is continued at this Day in the Abby of *Founterault*, scituated three Leagues from *Saumur* in *France*, near the Confines of *Tourain*, where the Monks are obliged by solemn Vow of Obedience to the Nuns, make Profession between the Hands of the Lady Abbess, and are very observant to her Commands in all things: The Novices declaim, dispute, and perform all publick Exercises before her and the Nuns, in a very great Hall, divided in the Middle by a curious gilded Iron Grate, the one Half assign'd to the Nuns, the other to the Fathers who maintain the Disputations: 'Tis said that most of those Nuns very well understand both Latin and Philosophy; and my Author likewise adds, that he heard some of them dispute very prettily upon some metaphisical Points; and that they had conceived a Design of establishing the Study of the liberal Arts amongst themselves, declaring they would give the World a sensible Demonstration, that it is a great Piece of Injustice done to their Sex not to suffer them to study, that they may keep them the more in Subjection and Ignorance. Among the Abbesses of this Monastery, fifteen have been Princesses, whereof five of the House of *Burbon*; for their Habit they are cloathed in White, and wear a black Veil over it, and in the Quire a great black Cloke or Mantle. The Monks wear a black Cassock and a Hood, and in the Church they put on a black Cloke or Mantle. This Order contains about threescore Abbies of Nuns, all whom own *Founterault* for their Mother, and depend on it. The Abbess is General of the Order, visits those Monasteries, sends them Directors and Confessors,

and recalls them at her Pleasure. Though I do not prefer, yet it does not become any Person to condemn the Government of this Sex, nor my Author to ridicule that of this Monastery, when God constituted *Deborah*, the Wife of *Lapidoth*, a Judge over *Israel*, *Huldah* the Wife of *Shallum*, a Prophetess to King *Josiah* *Hilkiah* the High Priest, and their other Officers; delivered the *Jews* by the Hand of *Jael* and *Judith*, and ordained Women, Governesses, not only over Men in private Families, but also constituted them Sovereign Queens over the People in many Kingdoms: *Eudochia* and *Theodora* govern'd the Roman Empire; *Semiramis*, *Synthia*; the Queen of *Syria*, *Strabla* *Feltz*; *Boaditia*, the *Itænians*; *Richard I.* and *Henry V.* constituted their Mothers Regents of this Realm, whilst they remain'd in France; Queen *Mary* and *Elizabeth* held this Crown during their Lives; and five Abbesses made Laws and signed the Acts of Counsel in the great Counsel at *Wetancels* in *Kent*.

A third Sort consisted of religious Women, govern'd by an Abbess or Prioress, according to the Constitution of their Order: These were excellent Nurseries for the Education of young Virgins in the Practice of Piety, and all other necessary Accomplishments fit for Gentlewomen, as working, singing by Notes, dancing, and playing upon Instruments of Musick; this Form of Government much resembled that used now in Colledges in our Universities, where the Abbess or Prioress, represented the Master, the Nuns, the Fellows; the Novices and Boarders, the Scholars and Pensioners; and these holy Virgins were totally freed from the Cares of this World, accommodated with all the Helps convenient for a religious Life, and attended with all Officers and Servants necessary for their Society; but in those Days no Religious were restrained by Vows from Matrimony, for the Apostle declared, *That Marriage was honourable in all*, and gave an hard Character on that Doctrine that forbid it, because God and Nature had created Desires in them for the Pleasures of a nuptial Life, establishing thereby the Continuance of Mankind to the End of the World; and since that time divers of the holy Apostles and devout Men of the primitive times, and several Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and other religious Persons of both Sexes in after Ages, changed the Condition of their Lives when they could contain no longer, and followed the Advice of the Apostle *rather to marry than burn*: Neither were any of these religious bound by Vows of Inclosure from their natural Liberty, which God granted and ordained for their Health and the Pleasure of their Lives; for they did not think to merit thereby at God's Hands, yet kept their Chastity inviolate; and the Bondage of Vowes with the Opinion of Merit and Per-

*Hund. of
Caishoe,*

*Judges iv. 4.
2 Kings xxii.
14.*

*Heb. xiii. 4.
1 Tim. iv. 3.*

1 Cor. vii. 9.

*Spotsw. of the
Church of
Scott. fol. 12.*

*Hund. of
Caistor.*

fection were things unknown to the holy Women of those primitive times, till the Votarists of these later Ages transported with such Delusions, confined themselves (like Birds in Cages) to melancholly Cells, where, instead of serving God with merry and cheerful Hearts, as becomes all good Christians, some of these poor Souls have been most grievously afflicted and tormented with the sad and dismal Thoughts of their Confinement, because it excluded them from the Enjoyment of their choicest Friends, and they were buried there alive, without the least Hopes of seeing them again, but must be forgotten of them for evermore; which often moves them to curse the Parents or Persons that decoyed them thither with fair Speeches to save their Portions; or to gain their Fortunes to themselves, and forced them to make that unreasonable Vow, which can never be reversed, but has often given great Occasion of Sin, for 'tis natural for all young People, especially those who are confin'd, to desire Liberty, and I could give sad Instances, where young Virgins have severely repented the taking of these Vows, and have been immured between two Walls, for attempting their Escape from their Cloisters.

Seld. *Hist. of
Tythes*, cap. 6,
sect. 3.
Prin's *Plea
for Advow.*
p. 9.
Doddridge *of
Advow.* p. 5.
Du Pin's
Church Hist.
vol. 2, fol. 13.

III. Parochial Churches, which were erected in Villages, for the reading divine Service, administering the Sacrament, and performing the holy Ordinances to the People, dwelling within a certain Piece of Ground, near adjacent to it.

Ibid. fol. 450.

When Churches were thus erected, *Constantine* endeavoured to quiet all Sects and Schismes in the Church; to that Purpose he summon'd a General Council consisting of the Eastern and Western Bishops called from all Parts of the Roman Empire in the City of *Nice* in *Bythinia*, about the Month of *July*, in the Year 325, where divers Canons and the Nicene Creed were made, the Council happily ended the 25th of *August* following, when *Constantine* gave the Bishops a noble Entertainment, exhorting them to Unity, and sent them loaded home with Presents: and notwithstanding the great Care he took of the Christian Affair, I have read that he deferr'd his Baptisme to the time of his Death, as some think because that Sacrament might thoroughly expiate his Sins, that he might so appear innocent before God, and when he fell sick, he had the Imposition of the Bishop's Hands to make him a Catechumen, and *Eusebius* baptized him at *Nice*, a little before his Death, which was in the Year 337.

Ibid. fol. 13.

Brady's *Hist.
of Engl.* fol.
34.

This *Constantine* assign'd over the Government of *France*, *Spain*, and *Britain*, to *Constantine* his eldest Son, who enjoyed it three Years, then was murder'd by the Contrivance of his Brother *Constans*, who usurped this Part of the Empire, but before he was fully possest hereof, *Maxentius* destroyed him, and seized the greatest Part of the Em-

pire; whereupon his Brother *Constantius* invaded him, routed him from Place to Place, till deserted by all, he slew himself.

*Hand. of
Caistor.*

Constantius thus obtaining the Government of Britain, deputed *Martinus* under the Pretorian Prefect, whose Fortune it was to be slain; he favoured the Arian Heresie, which made a great Disturbance in Britain, and called four hundred Bishops of the Western Church, whereof three came from Britain to *Arminum* to maintain the wicked Opinions of the Arians, but the British Bishops being very poor and necessitous, accepted the Allowance of Diet from the Emperor which the other refused; he died of a Fever in *October*, 362 and made *Julian* his Successor by his Will; after him *Jovian* succeeded, both whose reigns were short. Then *Valentinian* was chosen Emperor, and about *Anno* 364, (which was in his time) the *Picts* and *Scots*, with the *Franks* and *Saxons*, invaded Britain, killed *Nectaridius* the Admiral of the Sea Coast, and surprized *Buchobaudes* the General of the Land Forces by a Stratagem; harassed, destroyed, and ruined almost all Britain with Fire and Sword; he sent *Theodosius* a Man of known Valour and Experience, with an Army of stout young Men to relieve therewith Britain, where he divided his Army into several Bodies, and took the Enemy as they roved up and down in Parties to pillage and plunder; recover'd from them the Prisoners and Spoil which they had taken, and restored it to the right Owner; but the *Huns*, *Goths*, *Vandals*, and other barbarous People invaded the Empire, and most of the Soldiers being transported out of Britain for the Defence of *Rome*, the *Scots* and *Picts* took that Advantage to spoil and wast this Country again; but the Roman Empire unable to afford the *Britains* any further Assistance, they by Degrees laid aside their Laws, and fell from them, took Arms and used all the proper Ways they could imagine to free and deliver themselves from the Danger of their barbarous Neighbours; and during this great Distraction and Confusion, *Agricola* a Disciple to *Pelagius* a Monk of *Wangor* in *Gloucestershire*, set up here the Pelagian Heresie, and the sounder Part of the Christians disliking his Opinion, but not able to confute him, beg'd Assistance from the Churches in *France*, who sent *German* Bishop of *Auxerre*, and *Lupas* Bishop of *Troves*; they, by their assiduous preaching in Churches, Fields, and Streets, confirmed many in the Faith, and regained others: Shortly after a Sinod or Council was held in this City of *Verulam*, *Anno* 429, which was then famous for Religion, where these Bishops confuted the chiefest of the Hereticks in a publick Disputation, which almost extinguish'd that Heresie, and gaining thereby a great Reputation among the *Britains* to themselves, especially *German*, to whose Memory many

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

Churches in this Island have since been dedicated, among which a Chapel here lately bore his Name, where he usually preached in publick, and it remained near the ruin'd Walls of this decayed City, till of late Days, when it was converted into a Barn, and put to prophane Use: This German commanded the Sepulchre of St. *Alban* to be opened, and deposited in it several Reliques of Saints, that whom one Heaven had received should be lodged in one Sepulchre together.

Not long after the *English Saxons* won this City, and termed it *Wallingtæster* from the famous Road called *Wallingstreet*, which passeth through it, yet it did not totally lose its old Name, for when *Uthur*, the Britain sir-named *Pendagron* for his serpentine Wisdom, recovered it again by a long and sore Siege, about the Year 498; it was then called *Verlamæster*; He reigned 18 Years, and upon his Death the *Saxons* obtained the Possession of it again.

*Cave's Church
Gov. p. 2511.*

Pope *Gregory* sent *Augustine* the Monk, in the Year 596, to convert the Pagans here, where he found a considerable Church among the *Britains*, which had seven Bishops, who had seven Churches, one at *Berrford*, another at *Cabanis* or *Landaff*, another at *Lhanpavan-Vaux*, another at *Wangor*, another at *Elbinsts*, or *St. Asaph*, another at *Worrestæ Morganensis*, supposed by *Hovedon* to be *Ches-ter*, but by Archbishop *Usher* to be *Caer Eub* or *Holy-head* in the Isle of *Anglesey*, all which were under the Superintendancy of a Metropolitan, whose Archiepiscopal See had been formerly at *Carleon* upon *Uske* in *Monmouth-shire*, but some Years before the Arrival of *Augustine* had been translated to *Menebia*; and besides the Episcopal Sees the *Britains* had at that time Colledges, or Semenaries, and great Numbers of Christian Monks in them, especially at *Wangor*, as I have shewed before. He converted *Ethelbert* King of *Kent*, and the greatest Part of his People to the Faith, whom he baptized in the Church of St. *Martin* at *Canterbury*, on the Day of *Pentecost* in the Year 597, then he went to *Arles* where *Etherius*, Archbishop of that City, by the Command of *Gregory*, ordained him the Archbishop of the *English*; upon his Return to *England* the King and People received him with all Imaginable Joy and Solemnity suitable to his Quality: The King gave him the Royal City of *Canterbury* for an Episcopal See, and his Pallace for a Cathedral Church to be dedicated to Christ: Then he consulted with *Gregory* by Messengers, and Questions; what form of Government he should impose on the Church, which he had lately established among the *English Saxons*; *Gregory* advised him to act in the Church according as St. *Paul* directed *Timothy* in his Epistle, where he endeavoured to teach him how to behave himself in the House of God: order'd how he should di-

vide every thing that came to the Altar, declaring that the Clergy ought to possess nothing apart from the Rest of the Church, which by God's Grace is lately brought to the Faith, but to imitate the Conversion used by the Fathers in the Beginning of the Church, when no Man owned any thing which he possest, but all things were in common among them; that secondly, If any of the Clergy could not contain, he ought to marry; and that thirdly, He should carefully choose whatsoever Custome of Mass or Service he could find in the Roman, Gallick or any other Church most pleasing to God, and introduce into the English Church whatsoever he could collect from any Churches of honest Institution, for things were not to be loved for the Places, but the Places for the good things in them, therefore he should choose whatsoever was pious, religious and right out of every Church, and infuse them by Practice into the Minds of the English; the rest are Trifles and therefore I omit them, then *Gregory* gave him the Honour of a Pall, which signified the Fulness of Power, in the Year of Christ, 601, but this did not make him an Archbishop, for Sir *H. Spelman*, saith that the Title of Archbishop was never given by *Gregory* to *Agustine*, for it is scarce so old in the Western Church; but *Isidore* the Disciple of *Gregory*, and one that understood the Language of that Age very Well, saith *Augustine* could not properly call his Successors, Archbishops, for that Title belonged only to them who had Power over Metropolitans as well as other Bishops, and *Mabilon* and others observe, that it was not commonly used for a Metropolitan before the ninth Age.

Augustine called a Council at *Ar or Oak in Worcester-shire*, that he might be near the British Bishops and Clergy then residing in *Wales*, whom he summon'd thither; when he demanded from them Obedience to the Bishop of *Rome*, and the Reception of the Roman Ceremonies into the British Church; the *Britains* stiffly opposed it, for that they could not lay aside their ancient Customs, without the Consent and free Leave of their whole Nation, and thereupon desired that another Synod might be called, because their Number was small. This agreed, seven British Bishops, and many learned Men, went thither from their famous Monastery, called *Mancornaburg*, over which Abbot *Dinoth* presided, in their Way an holy and wise Man, who lived like an Anchorite, advised them that if *Augustine* should rise up to them when they came near him, he was the Servant of God, and they ought to hear him; but if he should sit still, and shew no Respect when they were more in Number, then he is proud, and comes not from God, and in such a Case ought not to be regarded.

*Hand. of
Caishoc.*

Spelm. Com.
p. 194.
Mabil. l. 2,
cap. 2, n. 13.

*Hund. of
Cathol.*

They appeared before *Augustine*, and observing he sat still in his Chair without shewing any Courtesie or Respect to them, they were very angry, and discoursing among themselves, said, If he will not now rise up unto us, how much more will he contemn us when we are subject to him. Then *Augustine*, renewing the old Controversie, exhorted them earnestly to embrace the Rites and Usages of the Church of *Rome*; but they were so fixed to their own Traditions and Customs, that they would not exchange them without the Leave and License of their own Church; and Abbot *Dinoth* plainly told him, they owed no more to him whom they called Pope of *Rome*, and would be stiled Father of Fathers, than Obedience of Love and brotherly Assistance, which was due to every Godly Christian; for they were under the Government of the Bishop of *Carlton* upon *Wisle*, who under God was to oversee and guide them; and that they could no more change the Rites and Usages of their Church without his Leave, than *Augustine* could alter the Customs of the Romish Church without the License of his Bishop. Then *Augustine* desired their Conformity only in three things, 1 In the Observation of *Easter*. 2 In the Administration of Baptism. 3 In their Assistance by Preaching to the *English Saxons*. But when he could not obtain their Compliance with him in these things, he threatned them, that if they would not accept Peace with his Brethren, they should receive War from their Enemies, and because they would not preach the Way of Life to the English People they should suffer by their Hands the Punishment of Death.

But *Augustine* behaved himself very uncharitably towards the poor *Britains*, when he depriv'd them suddenly of the old Customs and Ceremonies of their Church, and imposed new upon them, contrary to the Directions of his great Master *Gregory*, who advised him to proceed with more Moderation in the Affairs of the Church, for there were different Customs in several Churches, and he ought not to impose the Roman Rites themselves every where, but wisely to consider the Custom of the Place, the Circumstance of Time, and the Constitution of Believers; for he said, things were not to be valued for the Sake of the Place, but the Places for the good things in them: However, *Augustine* depriv'd the Archbishop of *Carlton*, and the other British Bishops of their several Provinces, which they and their Predecessors had enjoy'd from the time of King *Lucius*, almost 400 Years, without Crime or the Sentence of the Synod; and procured *Edilfrid*, King of the Northumbrians, and other Saxon Princes, to raise a great Army against the innocent Christians, and expos'd their naked Priests, standing apart on a Place of Advantage,

*Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
512.*

because they came thither to pray for the Success of their Army, slew 1200 of them, and routed their whole Army. But observe the Justice of God: when this bloody King was hastning home in Triumph, to destroy the Remains of this famous Monastery, three British Princes, the Revengers of God's Wrath, routed the Northumbrian King with his whole Army, reeking in the Blood of those poor Innocents, killed ten thousand and threescore of them, and put the wounded King with some others to Flight; from whence 'tis manifest, that the British Church at that time acknowledged no Subjection, either to the Roman Bishop or any other foreign Patriarch; neither had it Communion with the Roman Church, but was subject from the Days of *Eleutherius* to a Metropolitan of its own, the Archbishop of *Carlton*, who, as 'tis reported, acknowledged no Superior in Dignity, but under God governed the Church and People committed to his Charge without any other Sharer in his Authority; and they received their Customs from the Eastern and Asiatick Churches.

*Hand. of
Caister.*

This *Augustine*, saith *Copgrave*, was very tall by Stature, his Face lovely, but withal majestic: The Wonders and Cures he perform'd among the People, 'tis said, were many: He always walked on Foot, and most commonly visited his Provinces barefooted; and the Skin on his Knees was grown hard and insensible, through continual kneeling. 'Tis reported that he was a learned, pious Man, an Imitator of primitive Holiness, frequent in Watchings, Fastings, Prayers, and Alms; zealous in propagating the Church of his Age, and of the Roman Religion; earnest in rooting out Paganism; diligent in repairing and building Churches; extraordinary famous for working Miracles, and from hence perhaps his Mind might be puffed up through human Frailty, with the Greatness of his Miracles, which caused St. *Gregory* to admonish him for it. He was the first Introducer of Roman Monks and other Rites and Ceremonies: but is much censur'd for the Massacre of the Priests of *Bangor*, and not without Cause, if it was true, as 'tis reported, that he excited King *Edilfrid* to that horrid Slaughter; but now I shall return to the City of *Verulam*, which was govern'd by *Offa* King of the *Mercians*, in the Year of Christ 796, in whose Reign *Humbert* Archbishop of *Litchfield*, lately made the Metropolitan See, and *Unwora* Bishop of *Dorchester*, holy and wise Men, and the chief of the King's Council, advised him to marry *Elfreda* his third Daughter, to Prince *Albert* King of the *East Angles*, a Prince of great Learning, very charitable, delighted in good Works, wise in Council, merciful in Judgment, and sober in Speech, whom the Poet thus describes.

*Matt. Paris
de Vita Offa,
2. fol. 22.*

*Albertus Juvenis fuerat Rex, Fortis ad Arma,
Pace Pius, Pulcher Corpore, Mente Sagax.*

Head of
Catsfoot.



These Qualifications encouraged *Offa* to propose the Match, the King valued the Offer as a great Honour, which incited him to make his Address at *Offa's* Court, where he found a noble Reception; but Queen *Drida* fell with Anger, and full of Wrath, grieving that the Prince should be so acceptable to the King and his People; and iraged that her wicked Arguments could not prevail to send this Daughter beyond the Seas, to be disposed of at her Pleasure: She curs'd the Bishops who were the Authors of it, and vented her poison'd Malice against King *Albert*.

Offa, ignorant of these things, never suspecting her Malice, verily believed, she was well pleased with it, till such time that the King advising with her, how and when these things shall be accomplisht? She unexpectedly answered; Behold God hath this Day delivered thy Enemy into thy Hand, if thou be wise, to be murdered, who conceals his Treason against thee, (as 'tis reported) desiring whilst he is young and eloquent, to supplant thee, now an old Man, of thy Kingdom; and moreover to vindicate the Wrong which he and many others have suffered, (as he boasts) whose Kingdom and Possessions thou hast unjustly spoiled; with more Words to the same Effect.

This much disturbed the King in his Mind, but he giving no Credit to her, with great Indignation answered; Thou speakest like one of the foolish Women; Be gon from me, be gon; I abhor so villanous an Act, which done, would be a Blot to me and my Successors for ever, and the Sin would return upon my Family with great Revenge; with these Words the angry King left her, detesting such great Wickedness in a Woman.

But when his troubled Thoughts were somewhat allayed, and these things concealed, both the Kings sat down at Table to Dinner, where they eat and drank together with Pleasure: and when their Appetites were satisfied, they rejoyc'd all Day with great Mirth, in Timbrels, Drums, Harps, Songs, and Dances.

Whilst the malicious Queen retaining her wicked Purposes in her Mind, commanded a Chamber to be richly furnished with Tapestry and Silk Hangings, after a princely Manner, wherein King *Albert* might take his Repose at Night; and caused the King's Couch to be prepar'd, garnish'd with most noble Trimming, beset on every Side with Curtains, directing withal a deep Ditch to be made under the Chamber to effect her wicked Purposes.

But the Queen dissembling her villanous Design, with a serene Countenance, enter'd the Palace, that she might make as well King *Offa* as King *Albert* merry, and joking with him whilst he suspected no Ill, said, Son, I am come with an earnest Expectation to see my Daughter married to thee in my Chamber, that your future Loves may be re-

Head of
Caister.



new'd with most pleasing Discourses; and under this Disguise, she invited King *Albert*, who, poor Prince, not dreaming of any ill Contrivance against him, immediately arose, and followed the Queen to her Chamber, whilst King *Offa* staid behind, not mistrusting the least Mischief: King *Albert* being gone with the Queen, all the Soldiers who follow'd at their Heels were shut out; and when he expected the young Princess, the Queen said, She's called, sit down my Son till she comes; and when he had sat sometime in a memorable Seat, set forth with delicate Furniture, longing for the delightful Company of the Princess, the innocent King drop'd suddenly through a Trap-door into a deep Ditch made under the Chamber, where he was strangled by the Executioner, whom the Queen had hid there, and she and her wicked Instruments immediately smother'd him with the Boulsters, Cloaths, and Curtains, so that none could hear him cry: Thus this elegant young King and Martyr *Albert* was innocently destroyed without Offence, and immediately received a Crown of Glory.

When the most beautiful *Ælfed* heard these things, she abhorred the Villany and detestable Wickedness of her Mother, bewailed the Loss of the unfortunate King, and slighting all the Pomp and Vanity of this World, took upon her a religious Habit, that she might follow the Steps of her Martyr: Whilst the Queen, glorying in her Cruelty, caused the Head of Prince *Albert* to be sever'd from his Body, because it seemed that he breathed, and the Body was ignobly buried by the Executioner.

After this wicked Act was known to the Soldiers of the blessed King and Martyr, they feared the like Fate would fall upon themselves, but the Queen counterfeiting a great Passion of Grief, threw herself upon her Bed, feigning she was sick at Heart, confin'd herself to her Chamber. When King *Offa* learnt the Truth hereof, his Heart was overcome with Grief, and he lamenting the villanous Act with a vehement Passion, shut himself up in his inner Chamber, refusing Meat and Drink almost for three Days, drowning his Soul in Tears, afflicting his Heart with Lamentations and Fasting, and cursing the Wickedness of his Wife; banisht her from his Bed, and inclosed her in a private Place, where she might bewail her Sins all the Days of her Life; And when she had lived some Years in the Place assign'd for her Confinement, she was rob'd of all her Silver and Gold, and drown'd in a deep Well; in the mean While *Humbert*, Archbishop of *Litchfield*, solemnly buried the Body of King *Albert* at his Church of *Litchfield*, where all the Deacons and Clerks performed his Obsequies.

But when King *Offa* had received some Comfort from all the holy Bishops, who were well satisfied in his Innocence

*Hind. of
Caister.*

touching this Murther; he under Pretence that he was the next Heir, wisely consolidated the Kingdom of the *East Angles* to his own.

But whilst he was thus busied with careful Thoughts, how he might expiate the the treacherous and base Murther of King *Albert*, he thought as he slept one Night upon his Couch, in the City of *Bath*, that an Angel appear'd to him from Heaven, and admonish'd him that he should search for *Alban*, the holy Saint of God, and the Protomartyr of the *English* and *Britains*, and should lay up his Reliques in a Chest: And studying how he might perform this divine Command, he imparted it to *Ceolwolfe* and *Unwan*, his Suffragan Bishops, who explain'd the same unto him; then the Archbishop taking the Suffragan Bishops, and a great Number of People with him, met the King on the Day appointed at *Uretolam*, where he beheld the Beams of a Light to shine after the Manner of a great Torch, darting from Heaven upon the Place of his Sepulchre; which Miracle all the People beholding, rejoiced, and were fully satisfied with the Truth of the Vision; then King *Offa* caused the Reliques of this holy Man to be taken up in the Month of *August*, 793, and put in a Shrine adorned with Gold and precious Stones: and in the same Month he held a Parliamentary Counsel at *Uretolam*, where Archbishop *Humbert*, his Suffragans, and all his chief Governours of Cities, diligently and effectually treated together of selecting a Convent of Monks, building a Monastery, and endowing it with great and royal Priviledges, in the Place where he found the Reliques of this Protomartyr, which he consecrated with his own Blood; and relying upon the wholesome Advice of his great Lords, presently took a painful and costly Journey to *Rome*, where *Adrian* the Bishop understanding the Reason of his coming thither, received this penitent Prince with the like Compassion and Joy as the Father did the Prodigal.

But others hold, that *Matthew Paris*, and the other Monks of *St. Albans*, invented these fabulous Stories to blind the World, and induce the People of future Ages to believe the Innocency of this wicked King, because he was their Founder, and by such Artifices they were wont to encrease their Benefactions, and the Revenue of their Church, when 'tis evident by divers Circumstances, that King *Offa* decoyed him into his Dominions, under the specious Pretence of marrying his Daughter to him, that he might take off his Head and seize the Kingdom of the *East Angles*, which he claimed as his Right by Inheritance; and to expiate this foul Murther he went to *Rome*, where he humbly implored that Bishop's Pardon.

When *Offa* had confest all his Sins, and manifested his

Penitency to the World; his Holiness imposed this Penance upon him, that the blessed *Albert* should be canonized for a Saint at his Charge, and that he should build the Cathedral at *Hertford*, and dedicate it to him; and moreover that he should forthwith erect a fair Monastery to the Memory of the blessed *Alban*, in the Place where he suffered Martyrdom; this done, he gave him Absolution, dismissed him with his Benediction: And the King returning safe to *England*, he called another parliamentary Counsel at this City of *Verulam*, by the Advice of his Bishops and Nobles, and the unanimous Consent and Goodwill of his People, and proceeded to the building of the Monastery, which he dedicated to *St. Alban*, and gave large Revenues to it, that great Hospitality might be kept there, because the Highway called ~~Watling-street~~ lay near, through which Men continually travelled to and from *London* to the North and back again; and he accounting it a pious thing to erect a House where Travellers might be freely entertained, built one near the Monastery, which he honoured with divers Priviledges and Immunities; and confirm'd the famous Alms called *Peter-Pence*, toward the maintaining of a Saxon School at *Rome*, which was a Penny of every House or Family, payable yearly at the Feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*, which is the first of *August*.

About the Year 792, *Charles* the Great, King of *France*, sent the Decrees of the second Counsel of *Nice*, which he imposed upon the *English Saxons*, which contain many things, which *Hovedon* says, were inconvenient, nay quite contrary to the true Faith, especially the worshipping of Images, which the Church of God doth absolutely hate. Against which Book *Albinus* wrote an Epistle, excellently well strengthened with the Authority of the holy Scripture, and presented it with the Book in the Name of the Princes and Bishops of this Land unto the said *Charles* King of *France*.

Afterwards this City of *Verulam* was sackt and destroy'd by the continual Wars which happened among the *Saxons* in the time of the Heptarchy, who were ambitious to enlarge their Dominions out of the neighbouring Territories, and the Depredations made here; and King *Ethelwolph*, his Nobility and Clergy, apprehending that these Calamities and Miseries were inflicted upon them for their Sins, considered what Atonement they might make to pacify the Wrath of God, whereupon the King call'd another great Council or Parliament at ~~Winchester~~ in the Year 855, where King *Ethelwolph* granted the Tythe of the Profits of all Lands free from all Burthens, Taxes, and Exactions whatsoever to the Church, which Grant was past by the Consent of that Council, and signed by *Beorred* King of *Mertia*, and

*Hund. of
Caister.*

*Matt. Paris
de Vita Offa,
2, fol. 29, 30.*

*Prin's Collect.
of Parl. pt. 1,
p. 7.
Speim Coun.
314.*

*Sam's Brit.
Antiq. fol.
558.
Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
109.*

*Hund. of
Catspoe.*

*Brady's Hist.
fol. 112.*

*Sam's Brit.
Antiq fol. 569
570, 576.*

Edmund King of the East Angles, both then Subjects and Tributaries to Ethelwolp, and all the Archbishops, Bishops, and secular States of England; which being done, King Ethelwolp offer'd it upon the Altar of St. Peter the Apostle in the Cathedral Church of Winchester, and the Bishops caused it to be publish'd in every Church of their several Diocesses or Parishes. This is the first publick Act that (I find) imposed the Payment of Tythes; but doubtless they were paid before this Grant by some Persons in divers Places, for a Law was made by King Ina, who began his Reign, Anno 689, that the Portion or Dues of the Church shall be paid by the Feast of St. Martin, and he that shall not pay them by that time, shall be punish'd 40s. and moreover shall pay the Dues twelve times over; and by the same King, another Law was made, that every one shall pay his Church Dues at that Place where he resided in the Midst of Winter.

ST. ALBANS.

*Camd. Brit.
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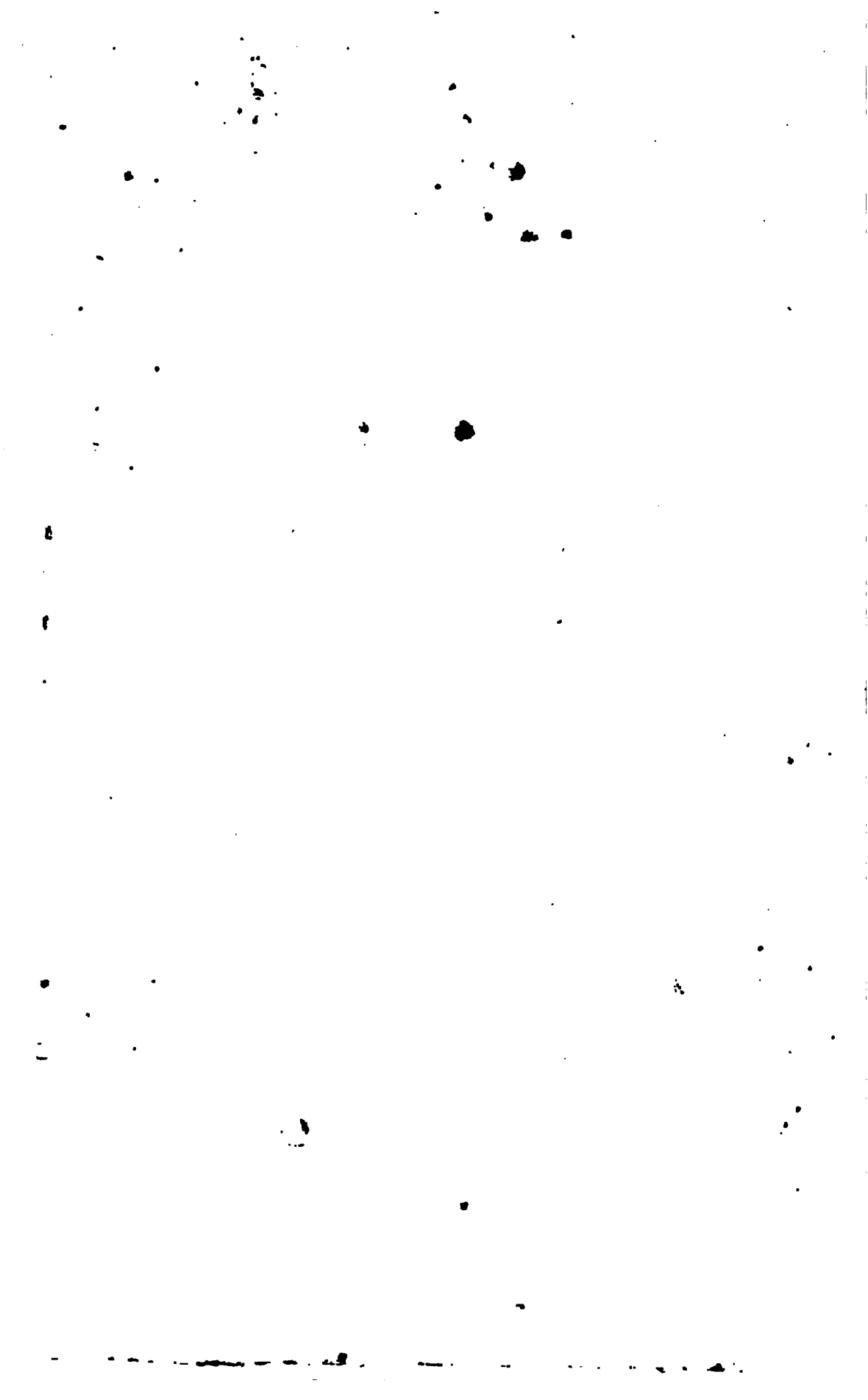
WHEN Verulam was almost destroyed by the Wars of the Saxons, *Offa* the most mighty King of the *Mercians*, *An. Christi*, 793 and 33 *Regni sui*, built on the other Side of the River on a Hill over against it, in a Place called *Holmehurst*, where the Remains of *St. Alban's* Bones were said to be found, a goodly and large Monastery to the Memory of that Saint; and in this Church he laid those Bones under a Marble Stone, with an Inscription upon it to this Effect.

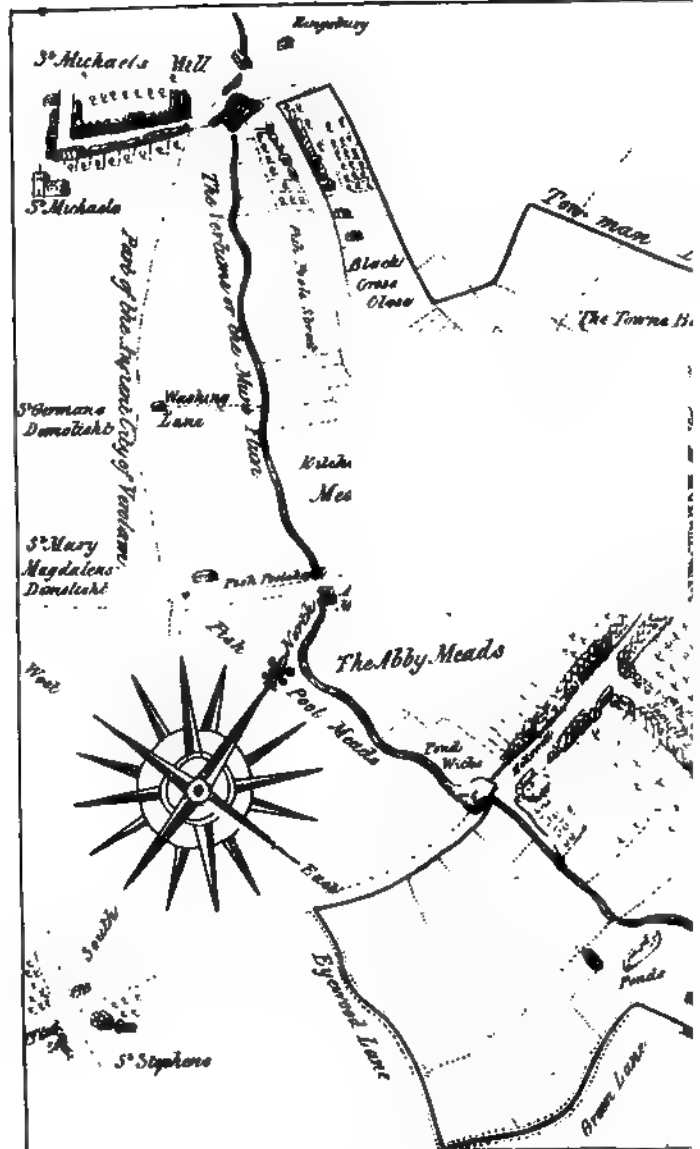
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Weav. Fm.
Mon. fol. 534.*

Here lyeth interred the Body of St. Alban, a Citizen of old Verulam, of whom this Town took Denomination, and from the Ruins of which City this Town did arise; He was the first Martyr of England, and suffered his Martyrdom the 17th. day of June, in the year of Man's Redemption 303.

*Insex. 3 H.
VIII.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 177.*

This King studying how to enrich this Monastery with fair Possessions for the Maintenance of an hundred black Monks, called a parliamentary Council at *Celcuth*, Anno 793, 33 *Regni sui*, and in the Presence, and by the Advice and Consent of King *Ceolwulf*, *Egfrid* Son of *Offa*, King *Cenwulf*, King *Beornulf*, King *Ludec*, King *Ylaf*, King *Egbright*, King *Beortulf*, King *Bukred*, and King *Alfred*; also *Higberd*, and *Ayleheard*, Archbishops; and *Keolwulf*, *Vayonan*, *Ceolumudyng*, *Ealheard*, *Delfhum*, *Heaberch*, *Keneaherd*, *Headored*, *Benefer*, *Keneyalh*, *Yarumud*, *Yit-hum*, and *Imberd*, Bishops; also Duke *Brordan*, Duke *Duma*, Duke *Erne*, Duke *Yicga*, Duke *Ayemud*, Duke *Euberch*, Duke *Harberch*, Duke *Ceolyard*, and Duke *Ceolmund* gave to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to *St. Alban* the Martyr, thirty-four Mansions at *Hagespoo*, six Mansions at *Hanhamsted*, and ten Mansions at *Staneмерт*, with the *Corn Fields*, *Meadows*, *Feedings*, *Woods*, and all things





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belonging to those Places, in Hope of present Prosperity and future Happiness; and by the great Name of Almighty God, and his terrible Judgment, he adjured, that no King, Bishop, or other Person should hereafter dare to change, take away, or diminish any of these Gifts, which he had dedicated to God and his holy Martyr, nor presume to molest either the Church or the Woods belonging to it; but that it should be free from all Tribute and Taxes; and desired that his Successors would as freely aid, defend, and take Care of this Church as he has done, that they may enjoy the Blessing and Protection of the holy Martyr for ever; and if any shall evilly intreat it, that he shall be deprived of the Blessing of the holy Martyr, and be accountable for the same before the Tribunal of Christ; and he did constitute *Pilcoea* the Presbyter, so named in the Record, but others call him *Willigod*, the first Abbot, to whom he committed the Care of this Church, the Government of the Monks, and the Management of the Revenues of this House; and he did command in the Name of God, and adjure, that the Monks and all others there should live reverently and regularly under him, according to the Order of St. *Benedict*; and that continual Intercessions should be made for the Souls of himself and Friends at Canonical Hours in the Church; and then did confirm this Gift with the Sign of the Cross.

The affixing of Crosses to all publick Instruments, and other original Charters, was the Manner of Signature in these Days, for *Ingulpus* says, the ancient English Charters to the time of *Edward* the Confessor, were attested by Witnesses, who set their Names with Golden Crosses or other Marks before them. But *Edward* the Confessor, who was bred up in *Normandy*, where Seals were usually fixed to Deeds, brought that Custom with him into this Nation, for that it was more conspicuous and distinguishable than that of Crosses; but others hold sealing of Deeds and Charters much more ancient; for the Charter of King *Edwine*, Brother of King *Edgar*, dated 956, made of the Land call'd *Bettles* in the Isle of *Elp*, was not only sealed with his own Seal, as appears by these Words, *Ego Edwinus Gratia Dei totius Britanniæ, Telluris Rex meum Donum proprio Sigillo confirmavi*; but also the Bishop of *Winchester* affixt his Seal to it, *Ego Elfewinus Winton Ecclesiæ Divinus Speculator proprium Sigillum impressi*: The Charter by which King *Offa* gave the *Peter-pence* doth yet remain under Seal; and King *Cnut* used Seals; but Seals were commonly used in the time of *William* the Conqueror, for Mr. *Twyne* affirms he saw a Charter of that King sealed on the left Side of the Parchment; and a pendant Seal was fixed to the Charter of *Battle Abby*, printed by Mr. *Selden*; the Great Seal was put to the Charter of *H. I.* granted to *Anselme* on

Hand. of
Catesbe.

Matt. Paris
de Vita Offa,
2, fol. 30.
Matt. Paris
de Vita Abbat.
fol. 35.

Phil. of Kent,
fol. 360.
Ingulp. Chron
MS. in Bibl.
A.T.C.

Still. Antiq. of
Brit. Church,
fol. 19.

*Hund. of
Cathol.*

the left Side of the Parchment, and the Charter which *H. II.* granted to the Abby of *Glassebury* had a Seal of green Wax hanging to it by a String of red and white Silk. King *R. 1.* sealed with a Seal of two Lions, and King *John* in Right of *Acquittaine* bore three Lions, and used a Seal with three Lions, and all the modern Kings have followed him: But I have read that *William Earl of Warren*, Anno 2 *H. II.* sealed with the Figure of a Cavalier on Horseback; his *Caparisons, Tabard, and Sheild* being all *Cheque*, the paternal Coat of his Family; and *Richard Cursor of Cux-hall* in *Derbyschire*, in the Reign of King *John*, was pourtray'd in a standing Posture in a Window, cloathed with a *Surcoat*, surmounted with a *Bend*, charged with a *Marlet*. And Seals were so sacred in former Days, that being lost they were usually decry'd by the Owners, who were wont in such Intervals to seal with the Seal of the Bishop of the Diocess, or next adjacent Abbot, all Deeds or Instruments of public or private Interest.

*Insex. 2 H.
VIII.
Mon. Angl.
fol. 177.*

About two Years after, the same King by his Charter dated at *Meoran-ford*, Anno 796, and *Regni sui* 35, with the Consent of *Egfrid* his Son, and in the Presence of *Lughberth*, Archbishop, *Geolumf*, *Heccored*, and *Bunams*, Bishops, and *Ashmind*, *Beonunam*, and *Munimund*, Abbots, and also Duke *Brordan*, Duke *Bynnau*, Duke *Elstun*, Duke *Alimund*, Duke *Vigberti*, Duke *Ethelmund*, Duke *Edgar*, Duke *Heharbert*, Duke *Ealhumud*, Duke *Cuthbert*, Duke *Eadbyrth*, and Duke *Tulfheard*, gave twelve Mansions at *Stimnistaun*, and three Mansions at *Sciff-dune* or *Balmingeot*, whereof three of those Mansions were called *Suanaburne*, *Heortmere*, *Stenralabert*; also ten Mansions called *Schintaplann* or *Femittum*, with the Wood called *Horowood*, and five Mansions at *Ligtune*, which *Ashmund* the Abbot had given to the King upon his Reconciliation; and he did also grant that this Church and all the Possession thereof should from thenceforth be always free, and quit from all Tributes and Taxes, and from the Repair of Bridges, Castles, and making of Trenches against the Enemy; and that the Abbot and Monks and all their Churches shall be free from Episcopal Jurisdiction; and that Part of the Punishment which shall hereafter be inflicted upon any Persons for Theft, Fornication, or the like Offence within their Liberty, which shall belong to the King, shall be always given to this Monastery.

And the same King by another Charter gave to God and this Church, the Mannors of *Witresley*, *Werrethou*, *Rickmeresworth*, *Bachesworth*, *Cossaleyn*, *Michelesfeld*, *Burkenwel*, *Wattford*, *Wissert*, *Wendeles*, *Weldenham*, *Spyret*, *Wenefeld*, *Sedentone*, *Mildentone*, and two other Villis, called *Wyrstone* and *Wincelfeld*.

*Hund. of
Cathol.*

Pope *Adrian* the first granted by his Bull, that the Abbot or Monk whom he should appoint Archdeacon, should have Pontifical Jurisdiction over the Priests and Laymen of all the Possessions belonging to this Church; and that no Archbishop, Bishop, or Legate, save the Pope himself, should intromit herein; and also that the Abbot shall collect and receive through all the Province of ~~Hertford~~, all the Rent and Imposition called *Romscot* or *Peter-pence*; when no King, Archbishop, Bishop, Abbot, Prior, or other Person in the Kingdom, had the like Exemption.

The Bishops of ~~Rome~~ called Charters of Grants, Bulls *Παρά τὴν Βουλὴν, & Concilio*, of Council: for that anciently a golden Bull, Broach, or Ornament round and hollow within, was usually fastened about the Necks of young Children, and to all their Pictures, signifying that their tender, unbridled Age ought to be govern'd by the grave Counsel of others of more Maturity in Years; and they were confirmed with leaden Seals, which had on one Side the Impression of the Name of the Pope, and on the other Side the Head of St. *Paul* on the right Side of the Cross, and of St. *Peter* on the left; which was done to the Church in Regard of Honour, not Preeminence, for though St. *Peter* be Head of the Apostolick Order, yet the Church will have them to be of an undistinct Excellence.

In the Space of five Years, this King erected divers Houses for the necessary Habitation and Use of all Officers and Servants that belonged to this Monastery, which, in Process of time, did encrease to a Town, and was called by the Name of this Saint; and when he had almost completed all his Buildings, and settled all the Officers and Government of this Monastery, he died (as many believe) in the Vill of ~~Offley~~ in this County, and his Body was buried royally in a Chappel in a Vill scituated upon the ~~Quist~~ near ~~Bedford~~, where to the great Shame of the Monks of this House, they suffered it to remain till the Water washt away the Body with the Banks of the River.

*Matt. Paris
de Vita Offa,
2, fol. 32.*

Egfrid his Son succeeded, who resembled his Father in Judgment and Mercy, and *Anno Christi 796*, and 1 *Regni sui*, did not only confirm all the gracious Concessions and noble Gifts of his Father to this Monastery, but farther granted to it five Mannors in a Place called ~~Spinesfeld~~, with their antient Bordars, together with the Mannors of ~~San-deruge~~, and ~~Whitfeld~~; and the same Year, this Abbot *Willegod*, commended much for the good Government of this Church, but greatly opprest with Sorrow for the Death of King *Offa*, whom he exceedingly loved, and the great Ingratitude of the Monks, who had not removed his Body to the Monastery, but suffered the Water to destroy it, pined away, till at length he died, and was buried in a Place unknown to this Day.

*Matt. Paris de
Vita Abbatis.
fol. 36.*

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

*Matt. Paris de
Vitis Abbat.
fol. 37.*

II. *Edric*, who was near related in Blood to King *Offa* and King *Egfrid*, by both whom he was well-beloved, was in the same Year elected and advanced to the pastoral Seat, without Delay or Difference among them, according to the Desire of King *Offa*, who, whilst he lived, often and earnestly advised them that they should never choose an Abbot out of any other Church; he was supported by the King's Aid, which enabled him to govern well, tho' the most potent Men greatly opposed him, and murmured at the Munificence of King *Offa*, which they called Prodigality, and endeavoured to possess King *Egfrid* that the Generosity of his Father to this Church, had in a great Measure lessened the Revenues of the Crown, and thereby charged the royal Dignity.

Ibid.

III. When this good Abbot died, *Vulsig* or *Ulsin* did succeed him: He issued from the royal Family, yet was soon elated with Pride; he wore silk Vestments, rid a hunting, eat and drank sumptuously, and always preferred the Goodwill of Princes before his Duty to God; he would often invite many noble Women to his Table, where he would exceed the Bounds of Modesty, which drew upon himself a Scandal, that did reflect upon the Honesty of his Brethren, though there was no Cause for it: When his good Name was lost, Charity grew cold, and the Devotion of many dwindled away: He wasted the Revenues of the Church, sold the Vestments and Furniture which *Offa* had given, and could not be recovered again; he often married his Kinswomen to Lords, gave them great Fortunes, and sumptuous Apparel, all which possess his Convent against him, and in the Reign of King *Edward* he died, 'tis said by Poyson, under the Hatred and Curse of the Convent: Then the most grave and powerful Men there, sued all his Relations for their Goods which they had gotten, and recovering them, many of his Kindred became poor through Want.

Ibid. fol. 38.

IV. *Vulnoth* was created Abbot in the time of King *Ethelstan*, and in two or three Years reformed the Errors of his Predecessors; he caused the holy Semi-seculars to live after one and the same Manner in one House, that they might be free from the Suspicion of ill Report, restrain'd their wandring abroad, appointed the times and Places for their Silence, sleeping, eating, drinking, and praying, regulating their Dyet and eating of Flesh; and commanded that they should daily hear Morning Prayer in the great Church, and perform their Duty there.

Ibid.

Whilst this Abbot govern'd this Church, the *Danes* raged in this Isle in a hostile Manner, and came to the Tomb of *St. Alban*, where they hearing the Fame of the Protomartyr, took away his broken Bones, carried them into their Country, and there reverently laid them in a precious Cof-

fin made for that Purpose in a certain religious House of Black Monks; that as in England, so in Denmark, they might be worshipped: But when this Abbot had governed this Church about the Space of eleven Years, he ended this Life most happily.

*Hund. of
Cathol.*

V. *Eadfrith* from a Prior, was elected Abbot, and govern'd here in the Reign of *Edmond* the Just: He issued from the Saxon Nobility, was neat and large in Body, but vain and contemptible in Deeds; he delighted much in rioting and Idleness, was frequent in his Chamber, seldom in the Cloyster, not worthy to appear in the Quire; he was careful to preserve the Goods of the Church, but slow to purchase, and was a Pastor that gave ill Example to his Flock.

*Matt. Paris de
Vitis Abbat.
fol. 38.*

In his time *Ulpho* the Prior of *St. Alban*, a Man of great Holiness, by his Permission, built a famous Chappel to the Honour of *St. German*, a venerable Bishop of worthy Memory; and another Chappel was built by his Licence, where *Ulpho* a Dane, a Relation of the Abbot's, a Monk of the Cloyster, and a Man of great Sanctity, had for a long time like an Hermit, tilled Gardens, and was indefatigable in setting Herbs and Pulse, and admirable in abstaining from Wine, and so remarkable for his Holiness, that many Bishops and grave Men came to him, that by Confession they might be worthy to be absolved from their Sins, and be recommended to God by his Prayers; and after his Death he was reverently laid among the Abbots for his great Virtues.

The Death of this good Man caused the Abbot to reflect so severely upon his own Condition, that he laid aside all State, and resign'd up the Burden and Honour of his pastoral Life, with his Staff; he retired himself to a small House near the Chappel, where the Hermit dwelt, bewailing his former Sins, betook himself to a solitary Life, and by this great Change from his Pallace to his Cell, made himself a Companion and Coheir of the former Hermit, following the Steps of his Holiness; by Reason hereof, the AbbotsHIP became void, and continued vacant for the Space of a Year, and during that time, a Division arising among them, touching the Election of a new Abbot, the Goods of the Church were imbezelled, and there was a great Distraction in the Monastery on every Side, for the Prior with his Favourites was averse to the greater Part of the Convent in their Election, till at length by Mediation of the neighbouring Bishops, the Difference was composed, and the Monks chose an Abbot by their unanimous Consent.

Ibid.

VI. *Ulsin* or *Ulsig* was a pious Man, and of good Life, famous in all spiritual and secular Affairs, and govern'd here in the Reign of King *Etheldred*, surnamed the Most Pious, An. Christi 950, from whom he obtained a Confirmation of all the former Grants to this Monastery; and also procur'd

*Ibid. fol. 39.
Weav. Fin.
Acta & Mon.*

*Hind. of
Caishoe.*

a new Grant of a Market in this Town, where he built divers Houses at his own Costs and Charges, for the Convenience of all those who were disposed to live here, and by the Addition of these Houses, this Town became a Borough: Then he built the Church, dedicated to St. *Peter*, in the North Part, the Church of St. *Stephen* in the South Part, and the Church of St. *Michael* in the West Part, as well for the Ornament and Profit of the Borough, as the Health of his Soul; He honoured *Eadfrith*, the late Abbot, and then an Hermit, giving him great Reverence for his strict and holy Life, and at his Death performed the Solemnities of his Funeral, buried him among the Abbots, and greatly loved the Church wherein he lived; and for the great Reverence of St. *German*, and the Saint of God, he often celebrated Mass there, built another Chappel near it to the Honour of St. *Mary Magdalen*; and he, holy Man, and full of Days, did happily go from hence to God.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 40.
Weav. Mon.
Camd. Brit.
tit. Herta. fol.
411.

Norden, p. 10.

VII. *Alfric* was the next Abbot, who for a great Sum of Money, the precious Cup wherein the Body of our Lord was kept, and divers other great Gifts, purchased of King *Edgar*, a large and deep Fishpool, which lay between old *Verulam* and this Town, and belonged to the Castle of *Kingsburp*, a stately Pallace soituated at the North West End of the Town, where the King often recreating himself, passed by Boat to and fro within the Pool, according to the Order of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of *Rome*, who usually made fair Fishponds about their Houses to recreate themselves, and those with exceeding Cost, as *Marcus Varro* related of the wonderful large and costly Fishpond of *Hortensius*, *Hircius*, and *Lucullus*; and these Citizens of *Verulam* took their Pattern for this great Pond from these and such other princely *Romans*, who coming afterwards to the Kings of this Land, they often recreated themselves herein, accompanied commonly with no small Troops of their Nobles, therefore the Boats were provided of large Hull, furnished with Cable and Anchor, that they might at the King's Pleasure, be moored in any Part of the Pool, which might cause the Use of so large Anchors as have been found there, and by Reason hereof, the King's Officers and Fishers so frequently resorted to this Monastery, that they were a great Burden and Charge to the Abbot and Monks, which thing induced this Abbot to purchase the same, and to drain the Water out of it, that no more Fish might remain there, so this Grievance was removed; but the Bounds and Banks hereof may yet be seen near the Street now called *Fishpool-street*.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 40.
Weav. fol.
557.

VIII. *Aldred* succeeded next in the Government of this Church, in the Reign of King *Edgar*, he searched for the ancient Vaults under Ground at *Verulam*, and found

several Ways and Passages, which were strongly and artificially arched over-head, where Men were wont in antient time to make Vaults, hollow Places and Substructions under Ground for Receipts or Receptacles for keeping of their Wives, Children, Money, and Goods secret, to avoid Violence and Rapine in time of Hostility or Rebellion; these Kind of Buildings they had from the old *Germans*, who used to build Vaults under the Earth, for where the Enemy was wont to come he destroyed all upon and above Ground, but such things as were hid in a Cave, either they were unknown, or at least they deceived them in that they were forc'd to find them out.

*Hist. of
Cathar.
Camd. fol.
411.*

*Coke, Inst. 3,
fol. 203.*

He stop'd them up *Anno* 960, for that they were lurking Holes of Whores and Thieves, and level'd all the Ditches of the City, and certain Dens, into which Malefactors used to fly, as Places of Refuge; and near unto the Bank they found Planks of Oak, with Nails driven into them, cemented with Stone and Pitch, and the Tackle and Furniture of Ships, as Anchors half eaten with Rust, and Oars of Furre; but the whole Tiles and Stones which he found fit for building he laid aside, with an Intent to have raised a new Church out of the Ruins of the old, but that Death hindred him.

IX. *Eadmer* his Successor proceeded with the Work that *Ælfric* had begun, and his Pioneers overthrew the Foundation of a Pallace in the Middle of the old City; and in the hollow Place of a Wall, as it was in a little Closet, Books were found cover'd with oaken Boards and silk Strings fix'd to them, whereof one contained the Life of *St. Alban*, written in the British Tongue, the rest the Ceremonies of the Heathen; and when they delv'd into the Ground, they found old Tables of Stone, Tiles, Pillars, Pitchers, Pots of Earth, and Vessels of Glass, containing the Ashes of the Dead, &c. And out of the Remains of *Verulam*, *Eadmer* built a-new the greatest Part of his Church and Monastery, with an Intent to have finish'd the whole, but Death disappointed him.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 41.
Warr. fol.
551.
Camd. fol.
411.*

About the time of this Abbot, *Anno* 10 9, *Spelman* thinks a Council was held at *Eanham* of all the great and wise Men, at the Instance of *Ælfage*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and *Wulstan*, Archbishop of *Dork*, where it was decreed among other things, that Priests should not marry, it being the Custom then for them to have two or three Wives; that none should be sold out of their Country, especially to Pagans; and that Widows should remain single for twelve Months after their Husband's Death.

X. *Leofric*, Son of the Earl of *Kent*, a Man of comly Stature and beautiful Aspect, was elected Abbot: whilst he was a Secular, he exchanged his paternal Estate for a

*Spelm. Con.
fol. 511.
Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
128.*

*Hund. of
Caisbot.*

Celestial, for he gave his temporal Inheritance to his younger Brother, whom he entirely loved, and took upon him a religious Habit. He was very charitable to the Poor, and strengthened by Friends and noble Relations, repress the rebellious, and with a strong Hand defended the Possessions of the Church; but his great Merits advanced him to the Archbishoprick of Canterbury, and he departed with the Benediction of his Brethren, leaving his Monastery very rich; afterwards died Anno 1046.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 43.*

Lib. Mr. Cox.

XI. *Alfric* his younger Brother, a learned Man, and equal to him in Shape and Mind, succeeded: He gloried in the Works of his Brother, and was a Teacher and a Pastor to the People, without Fault in his Life, eloquent in his Speech, wary in his Counsel, bountiful to Strangers, pious to his Brethren, austere to the Refractory, frugal to the Poor, very compassionate to the Afflicted; and being admonish'd in a Vision, compiled the Life and Death of *St. Alban*. Whilst he was a Secular, he was Chancellor to King *Etheldred*, and perswaded him to renew the Charters, and confirm the Gifts of his Predecessors, and bestow an Onyx Stone on this Church: He bought of the same King the royal Mannor of *Kingsbury*, with the Parks and Woods belonging to it, excepting one small Fortress near the Monastery, which the King would not suffer to be demolish'd, that the Marks of his royal House might not be forgotten. He also purchas'd *Oronage* and *Adulfinton* for 1000 Marks; *Northon*, *Apiton*, *Wettes*, and *Warttham* for 50 Pounds, which he gave to this Church, and the Land of *Tiwias*, which was then mortgaged for ten Pounds to *Leof-sigo* and his Fellows; to the Intent, that if the Monks alone shall pay the Money, that then they should have the Land, if not, *Leof-sigo* and his Partners should have their respective Shares, for their several Lives, and after their Deceases it should return to the Monks.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 45.*

XII. *Leofstan*, who was of the Family of King *Edward* the Confessor, and Counsellor to him, and Queen *Editha* his Wife; was advanced to the Government of this Monastery, and prevailed with the King to confirm the Grant of this Mannor of *Stodham*, which *Oswalph* and *Adelitha* his Wife had made to this Church, and the Grant of the Mannors of *Redburn*, *Langley*, *Greenburroto*, and *Thwmancton*, with all the Rents, Gifts, and Ornaments which *Egelwine* the Black, and *Wincelfled* his Wife had given to this Monastery.

*Camd. Brit.
fol. 415.
Matt. Paris,
fol. 45.*

This Abbot caused the thick and shady Woods near the Edge of the *Chiltern* by *Wailing-street*, to be stock'd up, the rugged Plains to be levelled, Bridges to be built, the uneven Ways to be made plain and safe for Passage; and gave to a certain Knight call'd *Thurnoth* and his two Sol-

diers, *Waldef* and *Thurman*, the Mannor of *Flamsted*, for which *Thurnoth* gave him presently five Ounces of Gold, and a fair Palfrey, upon Condition, that *Thurnoth* with his two Soldiers and their Fellows, should keep all Passengers, who should travel thro' that western Road safe from the Harm of Thieves and Beasts, who greatly infested those Parts, and if any Traveller should suffer by them, that they should answer the Damage; and if any publick War should happen in the Kingdom, then they should use all their Diligence and Power to preserve the Safety of this Church; and they did perform the same until King *William* conquer'd this Island, when he took this Mannor from them because they would not bear the Yoke of the *Normans*; and gave it to *Roger de Thoni*, who will'd that Right should be done to *St. Alban*, and the same Service should be strictly performed. He gave certain Ornaments to the Church, and died soon after the Death of King *Edward* the Confessor.

*Hund. of
Caisbor.*

XIII. *Frederic* sprung from the antient *Saxons*, related to *Canutus*, King of the *Danes*, and his next Heir by lineal Descent, was elected Abbot of this Church in the Reign of King *Harold*, who rashly usurped the Crown contrary to his Oath, and was slain at the Battle near *Hastings*, before he had reigned the Space of a Year; and when King *William* prevail'd against him, he marched to *Mallingford*, and crossing the River there rested his Army awhile, then came to *Berkhamsted* in this County, in order to go forward to *London*, but was forced to make some Stay there, for that this Abbot had caused the Timber Trees, growing near that Road, which belonged to his Church, to be fell'd and laid across the Way that he could not pass with his Forces, by which Means this Abbot preserv'd this Monastery from Spoil; whereupon King *William* sent for him, and demanded why so much Wood was fell'd about him more than in other Places? To which *Frederic* answer'd, I have done what I ought, for if all the spiritual Persons thro' this Land had used their Endeavours to have hindred thee as they should and might have done, it would not have been in your Power to have come thus far; then King *William* reply'd, Is the Spirituality of *England* of such Power? If I may live and enjoy what I have got, I will make their Power less; whereupon this courageous Abbot summon'd all the great Lords and Nobles of *England* together, and consulting them how they might free themselves from the Slavery of the Norman Yoke, repair'd to the Conqueror at *Berkhamsted*, where after great Debate of Matters, in the Presence of Archbishop *Lanfranc*, the King doubted the Result hereof, and fearing that if he should not comply with them, he should lose the Kingdom with Shame, which

*Matt. Paris
Vita Freder.
fol. 46.*

*Hund. of
Caister.*

he had got with the Effusion of so much Blood, condescended so far to them for his own Security, that he laid his Hand upon the holy Gospel, and swore upon all the Reliques of *St. Alban's Church* before this Abbot, who administered the Oath, that he would observe and keep inviolably the good and approved antient Laws of the Kingdom, which the holy and devout Kings of England his Predecessors, especially King *Edward*, had ordained and appointed; which done, they submitted themselves to his Governance, and swore Fealty to him, who with many fair Words, received them immediately into his Protection, and the People departed with great Joy to their Habitations; but the bold Answers which this Abbot gave the King, so offended him, that he deprived this Church of the Mannors of *Redburne*, and all the Lands and Revenues belonging to it, which lay between *Bermet* and *London-stone*; whereupon this Abbot called a Chapter of his Brethren, shew'd to them their approaching Dangers, and to avoid the present Storm, he went to *Ely*, where he desisted not from his Contrivances against the Conqueror, until he ended his Days there in great Grief of Mind; And when King *William* heard of his Death, he seized this Church into his Hands, destroy'd the Woods, and impoverished the People: and had not *Lanfranc* the Archbishop interposed, he had destroy'd the Monastery, but at length he prevail'd that *Paul* his Kinsman, whom he brought with him into England, should be chosen Abbot. 'Tis recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of

Terra Abbatis Sancti Albani

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135.*

Vil Sancti Albani pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est xvi car. in Dom. tres hid. et ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri. Ibi iv Francig. et xvi Villi. cum xiii bord. habentibus xiii car. Ibi xi Burgenses, de Theloneo et de aliis redditibus Vill. undecim lib. et quatuor decem sol. per ann. et tres molend. de xl sol. pratum ii car. Silva mill. porc. et septem sol. in totis valent val. xx lib. quando recepit xii lib. tempore Regis Edwardi xxiv lib. in eadem Villa sunt adhuc xii cotar et unus parvus, ibi est botiarum silvaticarum et unum vicarium placium predicti Burgenses dimid. hid. habent.

The Vill of *St. Alban* was rated for ten Hides, the arable is sixteen Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides, and there are two Carucates and a third may be made, there are four Frenchmen born, and sixteen Villains, with thirteen Bordars, having thirteen Carucates, there are forty six Burgesses, of Toll and other Rent of the Vill, eleven Pounds and fourteen Shillings by the Year, and three Mills of forty Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow two Carucates, Wood to feed a thousand Hogs in pannage time, and seven Shillings Rent; in the whole Value it is worth twenty Pounds by the Year, when he received it twelve Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four and twenty Pounds; in the same Vill there are now twelve Cottagers, and there is one Park of Deer, and one Vivary of fishing, the aforesaid Burgesses had half an Hide.

*Spelm. Com.
vol. 2, fol. 7.
Brady's Hist.
fol. 215.*

In the Year of our Lord 1075, a Counsel was held at *London*, where Archbishop *Lanfranc* presided, in which it was decreed, that no Bishop or Abbot or any of the Clergy, should give Judgment touching the Life of any Man or Loss

of Member, nor by their Authority should countenance any that should do it, according to the Council of ~~Elberts~~; and the eleventh of ~~Coludo~~; and at another Council held the Year following at ~~Winchester~~ it was decreed that no Canon should marry; and that Priests who lived in Burroughs and Villages that had Wives should not put them away: but if they had none, they were prohibited to take any; and Bishops were to take Care that they did not ordain married Men either Deacons or Priests.

*Hand. of
Caister.*

Spelm. fol. 13.

XIV. This *Paul* was preferred to the Government of this Church, Anno 1077, 11 *Willielmi Conquest. & 4 Calend Julii*, who rebuilt it and all the other Structures (but the Bake-house and the Pastry) out of the Stones, Tyles, and wooden Materials of the City of *Verulam*, which his Predecessors had reserved. He was a religious and learned Man, rigid and prudent in the Observance of the religious Order, and by Degrees reformed the Rule of the Monastery; so as this Church was like a School of Religion and Discipline, for he had brought hither the Customs of *Lanfranc*, and the written Statutes approved by the Pope; commanded the Observance of them, which made this Church glorious, and the Fame thereof flew to the Roman Court, and the remotest Kingdoms, and did happily draw the Hearts of many Prelates and Lords to this Monastery. This Abbot recover'd the Mannors of *Uina*, *Apsa*, and *Entcumb*, with the most pleasant Wood of *Elmwood*, which this Church enjoy'd in the Reign of King *Edward*, but in the time of Trouble, was constrain'd to mortgage it; for in the Lifetime of Abbot *Frederick*, *Odo* the Bishop of *Wastur*, and Earl of *Hent* had the Mannor of *Uina* and *Apsa* now *Apsburp* with *Eptwood* in their Demeasne; and *Remigius* Bishop of *Lincoln* had *Entcum*, which they held until the Mannors with the Wood were restored.

*Matt. Paris de
Vita Pauli
fol. 49.*

This Abbot, in the Space of eleven Years, finished this Church with many other Buildings, by the Help of *Lanfranc*, who 'tis said gave an hundred Marks to the same; he recovered what *Ailwin* the Black, and *Ailfred* his Wife had given to this Church in the Vill of *Redburn*, and a Place called *Childwick*, of their Gift, which had been fraudulently alienated from them; and was so called because it was given for the Sustenance of the younger Monks with Milk. There was also another Place for Cows, which was anciently called *Child Langley* for the same Reason, which Abbot *Paul* could never recover.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 50.*

He obtained the Grant of two Hides of Land in *Scarpehal*, which *Asketill de Ros* formerly held of *Lanfranc*, and since of this Church, and three Virgates of Land in *Potton* which *R. Flandrensis* held, one Carucate of Land called *Lettinge*, the Land of *Calinton* with the Appurtenances, the

Ibid.

*Hund. of
Cathoe.*

Land of three Houses, where one *Smith* now liveth, with three Gardens in *Glaston*, and a Carcate of Land in the same Vill, the Mannor of *Henretth*, which Abbot *Richard* gave since to the Monks of *Walling*, the Churches of *St. Benet*, and the Churches of *All-saints* in *Cambridge*, with the Tithes and all things belonging to many Churches in *London*; one Church in *Stamford*, and eleven Acres of Land in that Town, and the Church of *Glaston* with one Carcate of Land, and the Tithes belonging to it.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 50.*

He also obtained the Grant of the Tithes of *Cundell*, *Wington*, *Riomges*, *Brettenham*, *Werlage*, *Themilford*, *Elstton*, *Huntefleze*, *Gertttenham*, *Brunfeld*, *Reedlage*, and two Parts of the Tith of *Sedington* and *Docton*, all the Tith of *Crumpington*, two Parts of *Blacerip*; and two Parts of the Tiths of *Essendon*, *Welford*, and *Hertfordensbiri* in this County.

Ibid.

This Abbot erected a Cell of Monks at *Wallingford*, and appointed that the Order used in this Church should be observed there; he perswaded *Robert de Moubrai* Earl of the *Northumbers*, to place Monks of this Church in the Cell of *Chinemur*; *Robert de Todenei* to give the Cell of *Welber*; *Robert de Limesi* the Cell of *Hertford*, and *William de Valoins* and *William* his Son the Cell of *Wingham* to this Church; and *Robert*, a Knight, to give two Parts of the Tiths of his Demesne in the Vill of *Hatfield*, to purchase Books, and a Library necessary for this Church; he caused several choice Books to be writ at his Charge; and gave a silver Bason to contain burning Wax continually before the great Altar, three Candlesticks covered with Gold and Silver of rare Work, to stand before the same Altar, with wax Lights, two silver Candlesticks of admirable Work and excellently gilded, to be carried before the Martyr, upon the chief Festivals, with wax Lights: He also ordain'd a pitcht Lanthorn with a Candle in the Quire, to be carried about in the Night, that he might stir up the idle and drowsy People, and appointed a greater Lanthorn, to be born before those who were guilty of greater Offences; made a Prison for the Stubborn, and rebuilt the Tower for a Bell: But when this Abbot had governed this Church sixteen Years and four Months, he died the third of the Ides of *November*, *Anno Christi 1093, quinto Regis Willielmi secundi*. After whose Death this Church was vacant four Years, during which time King *William* held this Monastery in his own Hands, and did miserably impoverish it, selling the Woods and extorting Money from the Monks; but when the Contest in the Convent between the *Normans*, who were now encreased there, and the *English* who were old and less'n'd in Number, was quieted, they agreed to choose *Richard* for their Abbot.

XV. This *Richard* took upon him the pastoral Care Anno 1097, 10 Will. II. He descended from a noble Family of the *Normans*, was supported by the Assistance of his Parents and Friends, and by the Favour of Will. II. and *Henry I.* obtained many Honours and Possessions; for by his great Eloquence, wherein he exceeded all the Abbots of England, he perswaded King *H. I.* to confirm the Cell and the Church of *St. Mary* of *Wimondly*, with the Appurtenances which *Richard Argentine* had given, and the Cell of *Heathfeld*, with the Church of *Milebroc*, and all things belonging to them; also the Mannor of *Cinghurst*, and the Church with all the Tyths belonging to it; the Town of *Wibaldstude*, and thirty Shillings' worth of Land in the Town of *Warengeford*, the Mannor of *Eastwale* in *Kent*, which *Nigel de Alban* gave, and to grant the Mannor of *Wissopescote*, and confirm the Mannor of *Wrentefeld*, which *Hardwine de Scalers* and *Odelphi* his Wife had given to *St. Alban*.

King *Henry I.* by his Charter dated at *Westminster* granted and confirmed to God and this Church, all their Cells of *Opnemue*, *Winham*, *Wymondesham*, *Werneher*, *Walsynghord*, *Wertford*, *Wathfeld*, and *Welloco*, this Town of *St. Alban*, with the Market and Liberty; the Town of *Wattford*, with the Market, *Winsberry*, *Westwic*, *Redburne*, *Sandruch*, *Bridelle*, *Udehangam*, with the Wood of *Northam*, which *Peter de Valoines* held for his Life, *Wernet*, with the Wood of *Southam*, *Boreham*, *Husebeog*, and the Park with all the Soke, *Langley*, *Caishoe*, *Richmaresworth*, *Sereth*, *Greensbury*, *Wyneslaw*, *Sipeton*, and *Worwood*, with the Forest and Chase, *Eston*, *Wissopescote*, *Wexianester*, *Norton*, *Newham*, *Cudicote*, *Walden*, and *Bradwa*, with the Churches and other things belonging to them; and he also granted the Churches of *Edelfingeth* and *St. Stephens*, with their Chappels, *Linton*, *Woptone*, and *Potesgrave*, with all the Mannors, Lands, and Tythes to maintain their Kitchen; the Churches of *Walden* and *Apulton* in *Hertfordshire*, and *Wattford* to entertain Strangers, and the Churches of *Thirefeld*, *Redburn*, *Wyneslaw*, and *Langley* to cloath their Monks; the Lands of *Combes* and *Greenstude* in *Sussex*, *Middleton* in *Buckinghamshire*, and *Snictone* in *Hertfordshire*, and *Thorpe* in *Hertfordshire*, with the Church and all the Appurtenances, and the Lands of the Knights who held the Demesne of the Abby, to defend all Scutages and foreign Services; and the Mannors of *Crochesley*,* *Mucclefield*,† *Serret*, *Dachestworth*, *Brutewel*, *Pynefeld*, *Muredene*, *Childwich*,‡ *Hide* of *Langley*, *Siszeberne*, the Land of *Alexander* Son of *Turolde*, *Buxton*, *Windrings*, *William de Northum*, *Hammond* the *Verderar*, the *Hide* of *Harpestfeld*, the Land of *Richard de Reimes*,

Hand of
Caishoe.

* Croxley
Green.
† Mickleford
Green.
‡ Kildwick,
near St. Mi-
chael.

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Cateshoe.*

Robert de Talbois, John de Walden in Walden, and in Thiteburst the Land of Hugh de Thiteburst, the Vale of Chebruge, Hugh de Bradwa, Helie, Peter de Chambre, William de Hahat, William de Wiche, and Nicholas his Son, and Ralph de Helpesfeld, with all things belonging to them, with Soke and Sake, ou Stroude and Stream, ou Mude, Feld, Toll and Them, and Gribruche, Hamschoe, Murdre, Forestall, Danegeld, Infangenetheof and Outfangenetheof, Flemenefremth, Blodewite, Wrec, that they may have upon all their Lands, and are upon their Tenants, in as large a Manner as the King's Officer might have them to his Use, and that no Person should intromit.

Imperimus.

The same King, by another Charter dated at Winchester, granted and confirmed to this Abbot and his Church, all the Inquisitions which *Adam* the Monk, the Cellarer of the Abby, hath purchased of *Eli de Sumer*, the Church of *All-saints* in *Subburp*, with the Chappel of *Beledon*, and and all the Land of *Widdleton*, which is of the Fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, with all other their Appurtenances; one Messuage in *Wigraze*, and five hundred Acres of Land, and the Church of the same Vill of the Gift of *William de Wedon*; the Church of *Wienge*, with all the Appurtenances, and nine Acres of Land, and one Messuage of the Gift of *William de Montfitchet*, and *Rohais* his Wife, and *William* their Son; the Church of *Lechworth*, with all things belonging to it, and twelve Acres of Land in the same Vill, and all their Part of the Church of *Wauldelington* belonging to their Fee; and sixty Acres of Land in the same Vill, of the Gift of *William* the Son of *Robert de Waulington*, and all his Part of the Church of *Wauldelington*; and four and twenty Acres of Land in the same Vill, of the Gift of *Eustace de Chauz*; twenty Acres in *Wauldelington*, of the Gift of *Thurston* the Archer, and all his Land in *Bernet*; and six Acres of Land in *Wauldelington*, of the Gift of *Julian* and *Hamond* her second Husband; six Acres in the same Vill, of the Gift of *Ralph* and *Herbert* his Son; sixty Acres of Land in the same Vill of the Gift of *Eudo*; twenty Acres of *Walter de Gravely*; five Acres of Poll Measure, and ten or eight Foot in *Aiselle*, of the Gift of *Adel* the Son of *Humphry* and *Alum Wisthard* and *Odelina* his Mother; and all the Land inclosed by the Ditch, within the Bounds in *Woolwinitch*, of the Gift of *Allen de Winter*, and *Christian* his Wife, and *Simon* their Son; half an Hide in *Witshorescott*, of the Gift of *Richard de Bircherolls*, and of *Clare*; the old Mill of *Stapleford*, with the Place where it is scituated and the Pool adjoining, and all the Marsh on either Side of the Water unto the Ditch which the Monks made; and sixty Acres of Land, of the Gift of *Agnes Fai* and *Ralph* her Son; seventy and six Acres of arable Land,

with one Marsh in *Sepehale*, of the Gift of *Wimer de Ardes* and *Alice* his Wife, and all their Land lying between the Highway which leads to *Hertford*, and divided from *Sepehale*, of the Gift of *Robert de Talbois* and *Ralph* his Son; four hundred and one and thirty Acres of Land in *Uthurst*, of the Gift of *William* the Son of *Racon*; half an Hide in *Crabstons*, one Acre in *Blatford*, of the Gift of *Simon Talbois*; half a Virgate of *Ralph* of *Punchardon*, another half in *Bachestworth*, of the Gift of *Ivo de Berstone*; forty Acres of Land, one of Meadow, and one House in *Bachemsted*, seven and twenty Acres in the same Vill, of the Gift of *Godfry de Tiwing*; and sixty Acres in *Tiwing*, all the Land at *Abba*, which lies between the Water at *Colne*, and the plough'd Ground called the *Horsepole*, which *Alexander* the Son of *Turolde*, before all the Court at *St. Albans*, did release, with one Croft, which lies before the House of *Serlong* at *Abba*,* of the Gift of *Ade* the Son of *Ralph Buchmite* and *Ade* his Wife; and all the Land which lies between the Lands of *St. Alban de Camvera*, and the Lands of *St. Bartholomew*, which is of the Fee of *William de Raunes*, near the Wood of *Altenham*; forty Acres of Land of *Helie* in *Bachestworth* and *Gilbert* her Son and Heir; seventeen Acres of Land in the Vill of *Bachestworth*, of the Gift of *Walter* of the *Oak*; a Portion of Land of *Cumbliton*, which in Length is twelve Perches, and in one Place six in Breadth, and in other Places three; four or five Perches, of the Gift of *Richard Talbot* of his Land in *Wapenge*, and at least twenty Foot in Breadth, and as much in Length, to make the Pool to the Mill at *Easton*, to hold quit of all Customs and Services for the Use of the Monks Kitchen, and that none shall presume to convert them to any other Use.

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Caishet.

*Apesbury.

The King also granted to this Abbot and his Church a Fair to be held every Year within this Town of *St. Alban*, to continue for the Space of eight Days next before the Nativity of *St. John* the Baptist, and also Free-Warren in all the Lands within five Miles of *St. Albans*, that belonged to this Church, and that his Tenants should be discharged from the Payment of all Tolls.

Inapeximus.

This Abbot also obtained the Restoration of one Virgate, half an Hide of Land in *Cudicote*, half an Hide of Land in *Redburn*, and the Vill of *Stannmeere*, and all things belonging to them, which had been taken away by Force; and he gave to *Geoffery Mapehame* the Land of *Mertweaz* in Exchange for the Land of *Bradway*, according to the Deed of Agreement made by King *Henry*.

This Abbot bought of the same King twenty Shillings worth of Land in *Wissopescote* for one hundred fat Oxen, and obtained for this Church a Saltpit at *Vitam*, with the

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Caishoe.*

Salter and Land, one Hide of Land in ~~Metindleton~~ with the Tyth of the Church of that Vill, and the Hermitage of ~~Metindri~~, which was *Ralphs* the Hermites, with the Churches, Tyth, and many other things.

In Anno 1115, 15 H. I. this Church was dedicated by Archbishop *Rodulf*, *Jeoffery*, *Richard* of London, *Ralph* of ~~Burham~~, *Robert* of Lincoln, *Roger* of Sarum, Bishops, and many Abbots, King *Hen. I.* Queen *Maud*, and many Earls, Barons, and great and famous Persons, Archdeacons, Deans, Presbiters, and Guardians of Churches, whereof the Number is not known for Multitude, on the fifth of the Calends of *January*, where the greatest Part, as well banqueting in the Pallace, as worshipping in the Church, eating and rejoycing in the Court of St. *Albans*, did honourably continue till the Epiphany, to the Praise of the blessed Protomartyr *Alban*; and when he had govern'd this Church one and twenty Years, he died the 17th of the Calends of *June*, An. 1119, 19 H. I. and was buried in the Chappel which he had built near the Church, dedicated to St. *Cuthbert*.

*Matt. Paris de
Vitis Abbat.
fol. 56.*

XVI. *Jeoffery* was a Person born of the noble Progeny of the *Normans*, endowed with moral Honesty and divine Knowledge, elected by all the Monks, with the Assent of King *Henry*, and took upon him the Government of this Church; he gave to the Sacrist of this Monastery the Church of St. *Mary* of ~~Rickmersworth~~ and the Appurtenances, and the Church of St. *Peter* in this Town to the Infirmary, for Medicines for the Sick; he founded the Hospital of St. *Julian*, by the Advice and Consent of the Convent; called together divers poor People, and assign'd to them the Tyth of the Rent of the Town of St. *Alban*, which was 60s. also 30s. which *Peter* of ~~Spret~~ received of *Redings* of ~~Spret~~, all the Tyth Corn of the Lordship of ~~Hamstude~~, all the Tyth of the Lordship of ~~Kingsberry~~, and two Parts of the Tyth Corn of St. *Michaels* and St. *Stephens*, except that which the Chaplain of the Leapers had; two Parts of the Tyth-corn of the Lordship of ~~Eston~~, two Parts of the Tyth-Corn of the Lordship of ~~Wratewick~~, two Parts of the Tyth-corn of the Lordship of *Roger de Limes* in ~~Wratewick~~, two Parts of the Tyth-corn of *Richard d'How*, two Parts of the Tyth-corn of the Lordship of *William* Son of *Anketill* of ~~Cudicote~~, the tenth Part of the Corn of the Lordship of ~~Stratle~~, the half Part of the Tyth of *Stephen de Lege* of his Lordship of ~~Wanelow~~, two Parts of the Tyth of *Roger de Chandes* of his Lordship of ~~Stbeleshe~~, and two Parts of the Tyth of *Simon de Bellocampo* of his Lordship of ~~Stamford~~,

Ibid. fol. 56.

This Abbot built a large and noble Hall with a double Roof to entertain Strangers honourably, near to which he built a fair Bed-chamber, which they usually called the Queen's Bed-chamber, because it was assign'd to her Use,

besides it was not lawful for any other Woman to lodge in the Monastery: He built another House like the Hall, with a Chappel towards the East, where was the Infirmary; in which and the Chappel, he commanded Silence to be strictly observed, and the sick Men to be called every Day to a Table in the Refectory by a Bell; also he commanded another Hall to be built by the same Workmen, conformable to the former at ~~West Wyke~~ ^{West Wyke}, for his Friend and Kinsman, who had been bountiful to this Church.

*Hund. of
Cathoe.*

He did also erect a small Nunnery at ~~Sophem~~ ^{Sophem} for a select Number of Virgins, with a Church-yard which he caused to be dedicated; and ordained that none but those of the same Nunnery should be buried there.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 58.*

Anno 1143, 8 *Steph.* when *Henry* Duke of ~~Normandy~~ ^{Normandy} had received the Honour of Knighthood from *David* King of *Scots*, and came into England with the Countenance of many of the great Men here, Earl *Jeoffery de Magnavile*, an expert Soldier, adhering to the King for a time, was charged through Envy by some of the Prince's Nobility, for complying with the King's Enemies; and at a Council call'd at this Town, he was seized by the King's Command, and committed to safe Custody; and tho' many of his Friends interceded for him, alledging that those Accusations were not true, yet they could not obtain his Liberty, till he had rendred up the Tower of London, with his Castles of ~~Wallingford~~ ^{Wallingford} and ~~Windsor~~ ^{Windsor} into the King's Hands.

*Mss. Angl.
vol. 1. fol.
119, 203.*

This Abbot gave many rich Ornaments to this Monastery, with a Chalice and Cover of massy pure Gold, which afterwards he sent to Pope *Celestine* II. that he might appease or mitigate the Covetousness of his Holiness, who would have impropriated the Mannor of———. When he had governed this Church twenty six Years and some Months, he died on the fifth of the Calends of *March*, An. 1146, 11 *Steph.* and was buried in this Church, with this Inscription upon his Stone.

*Abbas Galfridus Papa, cui fuit ipse modestus
Hic jacet innocuus, prudens, pius atque modestus.*

XVII. *Ralph*, who was Chaplain and Treasurer to the Bishop of *Lincoln*, by his Means was made a Monk, and in the Reign of King *Stephen*, advanced to be Abbot of this Church, in whose time Queen *Maud* gave the Mannors of *Berthwick* and *Milleburne* to this Monastery.

*Ibid. fol. 64.
MS. Mr. Cox.*

King *Stephen*, by his Charter, confirmed to this Abbot and the Monks, all their Customs and Lands, and granted that this Church should be free from all Tribute, and the Reparation of Castles, and making of Trenches against the Enemy, and granted to them, Toll and Them, &c. and exempted them from episcopal Jurisdiction.

*Hund. of
Caister.*
Matt. Paris,
fol. 64.

This Abbot built the Chambers of the Abbots adjoining to the Church with solid Work, covered the Roof with shingled Oak, and gave divers rich Coats and Vestments for the Orders of his Church, which he govern'd between four and five Years; then a grievous Sickness seiz'd him, which was incurable, and seeing the Monastery would be destitute of a Rector, he recommended *Robert de Gorham* the Prior, and all the Monks unanimously desired him to take that Province upon him, and after that Election, the old Abbot lived some small time, and then died *Anno 1151, 16 Steph.*

Ibid. fol. 66.

XVIII. This *Robert* was Nephew to Abbot *Geoffery*, and took upon him the Abbot of a Monk beyond the Seas; but obtaining Leave there to see his Friends in England, came to this Monastery, where he was received with great Respect, and when he saw the Glory of their Discipline, he desired that they would admit him into their Monastery; and upon Letters dimissory from his own Monastery, and the Request of his Uncle *Jeoffery*, then Abbot, he was admitted a Monk and a Brother of this Church; sometime after he was made Secretary, in which Office he decently cover'd the greater Part of this Church with Lead; from thence he was advanced to be Prior, and when he had held that Office near two Years, the Place of Abbot falling *Anno 1151, 16 Steph.* he was preferr'd to the pastoral Staff, and prevailed with King *Stephen* to give him a Promise that he would demolish the Castle of *Kinesburg*, for that Thieves lurked there, and were troublesome and very vexatious to the Abby.

MS. Mr. Cox.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 66, 70.*

In his time *Nicholas*, Son to *Robert Breakspeare*, born in a Village near this Place call'd *Abbots Langley*, a Youth in Age and comly in Body, but an easy Clerk, addrest himself to the Abbot, and humbly beg'd the religious Habit; when he was examin'd and found insufficient, the Abbot gave him this civil Answer, wait my Son a while, and fit thyself at School, that thou mayest be qualified for the Cloath which thou desirest: He modestly taking this Answer for a Denial, went away, and reflecting upon his own Neglect and Loss of time at School, set forth immediately for *Paris*, where he improved his time with great Diligence at School, and by the Advantage of his quick and natural Parts soon recovered his lost time, became a great Proficient in all sorts of Learning, and far exceeded all his Schoolfellows, so that he was removed to *St. Rufus*, a Place not much distant from *Valentia*, where he was made a Regular, and in short time was advanc'd by his great merits to be Abbot there, from whence he was sent on a Message to *Rome* on the Behalf of his Monastery, and by this Means gained the Opportunity of shewing his Parts and Learning; and by the Performance of his Busi-

*Hand. of
Caister.*



ness he obtain'd a great Opinion in Pope *Eugenius*, who said, - it was great Pity that so much Learning should be buried in a little Hole, and thinking him fit to serve the Church in a higher Station, chose him Bishop of *Alba* near *Rome*; not long after, his Holiness having great Occasion to send two prudent and learned Men, to convert the People of *Norman* from Paganisme to the Christian Religion, thought him a fit Person for that great Work, and sent him thither with another, where he managed his Part admirably well, and upon his Return, declaring the Success he obtain'd, with great Gravity and Eloquence, the Pope advanced him to be a Cardinal, in which Office, he gain'd much Credit and Reputation among the whole Conclave of Cardinals, insomuch that when the Chair became vacant, they chose him Pope of *Rome* for his great Worth and Merit, by the Name of *Adrian* the fourth.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 70.

When the News of the Promotion of this Pope reach'd this Monastery, this Abbot rejoiced much, and resolved to make a Journey to *Rome* to confirm the antient Privileges of this Church; and acquainting King *Henry II.* with his Intentions, he employ'd him upon an Embassy thither, and gave him Letters under his Royal Seal, humbly and devoutly requesting his Holiness, that he would be pleased to extend his Favour to him, as well in the Business of this Church, as in his own Affairs: This Abbot then set forth and came to *Beneventum*, where he found the Pope, who received him with a serene Countenance and a joyful Heart, and treating him with more than usual Honour, the Abbot presented his Holiness with Gold and Silver of no small Weight, and other precious Gifts of great Value, also three Mitres and Sandals of admirable Work, which the Lady *Christian*, Prioress of *Margate*, had diligently made; the Pope viewed the Mitres and Sandals, and commended greatly his Devotion and Courtesie; but merrily said, I refuse thy Gifts, because thou once denied me shelter under the Wings of your Religious House when I craved your Charity, and beg'd the Monastic Habit; to which this Abbot readily answer'd, my Lord, it was not in our Power to receive you when the Will of God oppos'd it, whose great Wisdom had design'd you to serve him in a higher Station; then the Pope applauding his witty and ingenious Answer, added, dear Abbot, ask boldly what thou desirest, for nothing shall be wanting to the blessed *Alban*; then the Abbot encouraged by the Leave of the Pope, disposed of all those Gifts of Silver and Gold (valued at two hundred Marks) to the Cardinals and Servants of the Pope, with pleasant Speeches and Repertoers: He gave many pretty Trifles which he had got at *London* and *Paris* among them, and by this Means

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obtained so great Favour of the *Romans*, that his Name was extol'd to the Skies; but one Day whilst the Pope and the Abbot were familiarly and secretly talking together, the Abbot intimated, Tears trickling down his Cheeks, the great and intolerable Oppressions which the Church suffered under the Bishop of *Lincoln*; and the Pope pitying him for the same, granted this great Privilege, that this Church henceforth should be so free from the Subjection of any Bishop, as well in the Body of the Monastery as in their Cells and Vills, that no Bishop (except the Roman Bishop) should intermeddle there.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 72.*

When this Abbot had dispatch'd his Business, and receiv'd the Apostolic Benediction, he returned to *England*, where within few Days after a National Synod was call'd at *London*, and the Abbot produced his Letters from the Pope, and shew'd the Priviledges which he had granted, and the Presents which he had sent to this Monastery.

King *Hen. II.* granted and confirm'd to God and this Church, all their Cells, Lands and Possessions, viz. *Thymme, Dymham, Elmundesham, Wernherbet, Wallingford, Hertford, Heathfield, and Belloloco*, with the Churches, Lands and Homages, Rents, and all things belonging to them, the Vill of *St. Albans*, with the Market and all the Liberty, the Vill of *Watford* with the Market, *Kinscherry, Westwick, Sanderidge, Redburne, Wydelle and Tydehanganam*, with the Wood of *Northam*, which *Peter de Valoines* sometime held; *Bernet*, with the Wood of *Southam*, *Dorham, Husebroog*, and the Park with all the Soke, *Langley, Cathoe, Rickmaresworth, Sereth, Gretnesbury, Wymseslaw, Spetumam, and Wortwood*, with the Forest and Chase, *Estume, Bishopscote, Heastanester, Nortune, Petbam, Caldecot, Walden, and Brademare*, with the Churches, Lands, Woods, Homagers, Rents, Mills, Meadows, Feedings, and all things belonging to them.

Also for the Sustentation of the Kitchen of the Hospital, the Churches of *Luton, Doctune and Portesgrave*, with all Lands, Homagers, and Tythes whatsoever, the Churches of *Walden*, and *Appleton* in the County of *Hertford*, and the Church of *Watford* for the Entertainment of Strangers; and the Churches of *Thyrefeld, Redburne and Wymseslaw*, with their Chappels, and of *Langley*, to cloath their Monks; and the Churches of *Coulkingeth and St. Stephens*, with their Chapels, to sustain the Kitchen of their Monks; and the Lands of *Cumbes and Greensted* in *Sussex*, and of *Middleton* in *Buckinghamshire*, of *Snifton* in *Bedfordshire*, and *Thorpe* in *Hertfordshire*, with the Church, and *Norton* with their Appurtenances, also the Lands of the Knights who held the Demeasne of the Abbot, to defend all Scutages and all other Foreign Services; also *Croches-*

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lep, *Mindesfeld*, *Serret*, *Dachestworth*, *Bruteswel*, *Pinefeld*, *Murdene*, *Childwick*, the Hide of *Langley*, *Sisseberne*, the Land of *Alexander* the Son of *Turol*, *Burton*, *Wimrinch*, the Land of *William de Northum*, the Land of *Hugh Derrarius*, the Hide of *Harpesteld*, the Land of *Richard de Rennes*, the Land of *Robert Talboyes*, also the Lands of all the Free Tenants, *John de Weld* in *Wald* and in *Uteburst*, the Land of *Hugh de Titeburst*, of *Veilis de Theyburge*, *Hugh de Bradwere*, *Helie*, *Peter de Chambre*, *William de Hahate*, *William de Wich*, *Nicholas* his Son, and *Ralph* of *Helpesteld*, and all their Appurtenances, with Soke and Sake, ou Strode and Stream, ou Wude and Feld, Toll, and Them, and Gribuche, and Hamsochne, Murdre, Forestald, Danegeld, Infangene-theof, Outfangenetheof, Flemenfreneth, Bloudwite, Wrec upon all their Tenements wheresoever, in as full and ample manner as the King's Minister ought to have for his Use, and the King will not that any *French* or *English* shall intromit in any thing upon their Lands or their Tenements, unless they themselves and their own Ministers desire them for their Use, to whom they have committed the Care hereof, because the King hath given them to God and this Church of *St. Alban*, for the Redemption of his Soul and his Parents, with all the Liberties and Free Customs which Kingly Power hath or can Grant to any Church; and the King prohibited upon Forfeiture, that not any one shall presume in any manner to break them; also the King prohibited that neither Munscher, Steward, Baker, Chamberlain, Porter, Custos or Reeve, shall enter into their Lands or Houses, without their Leave or Assent, in his time or his Successors, by the means of any Prince or Justice whatsoever.

King *Hen. II.* by several Charters confirm'd to this Church the Grants of all the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Priviledges, Liberties and Immunities, which any of his royal Predecessors had heretofore made, yet the Bishop of *Lincolne* and his Chapter incited many powerful Men to the Prejudice of this Church, and at length raised the King's Anger against the Abbot and Monks hereof, whereupon *Hugh* Bishop of *Durham* interposed, and being an eloquent and noble Man, amicably ended the Difference; from that time the Bishop of *Lincolne* dared not to attempt again, to bring this Monastery under his Subjection whilst Pope *Adrian* lived, but when he died and *Alexander III.* succeeded, the new Priviledges which Pope *Adrian* had granted were disputed again, till *Anno 1178*, 24 *Hen. II.* when that Pope confirm'd them.

About twenty Years after, new Commotions and Quarrells were raised again between this Monastery and the

Matt. Paris,
fol. 75.

Ibid. fol. 80.

*Hand. of
Caishee.*
Matt. Paris,
fol. 90.

Church of *Unelne*; but *Clement III.* quieted them and confirmed again all the Priviledges granted to this Church.

This Abbot procur'd the Church of *Euton*, to be annexed to this Monastery; and when he had nobly govern'd this Church fifteen Years, and four Months, and some Days, he died on the tenth of the Calends of *November*, Anno 1166, 12 *Hen. II.* and was buried at the Feet of Abbot *Paul* in this Monastery.

Ibid. fol. 91.

XIX. *Simon*, a learned and moral Man, born in *England*, and educated in this Monastery, succeeded; was very diligent, to support and augment the Order, caused many Books to be written for the Use of the Convent; and began to gather a Treasury of Gold, Silver, and precious Jewels; and a most noble Bier or Coffin; at his Instance, the Bishop of *Durham* dedicated the Chapel of *St. Cuthbert*, which was near the Cloister of *St. Albans*, to the Honour of the same Saint and *St. John Baptist*.

Ibid. fol. 92.

This Abbot gave a great golden Chalice of most pure Gold, adorn'd with precious Gems, and beautified with delicate Works of curious Flowers to this Church; and a little Cup worthy of great Admiration, of pure and shining Gold, with incomparable Gems of divers Kinds, neatly annexed to it, in which the Work did exceed the Substance, to lay up the Eucharist; to set upon the great Altar of the Martyr; and King *Henry* sent another noble and precious Cup, in which the Body of Christ might be contained; this Abbot gave three other small Chalices of Gold to this Church, and a noble Cross golden Plate, with a golden Jewel, plac'd in the middle of it; and when he had govern'd this Church about fifteen Years, he died Anno 1188, ultimo *H. II.*

Ibid. fol. 96,
57.

XX. *Garin* was born at *Cambridge*, and the Year before he took upon him the Monastic Habit, his Fame was great, and his Name was celebrated, for the Reverence of his honest Life; He was excellently well learned, and fair in Body, for which Reasons he was received into this Monastery; in short time after he was made Prior, and thence promoted to the pastoral Staff by the unanimous Consent of all the Convent, except *William Martel* the Sacrist, who then aspir'd to the same Dignity; soon after *Matthew* his Brother was elected Prior, who built the School in this Borough, which at that time was very famous, greatly flourish'd, very profitable, and had more Scholars in it than any School in *England*, and he prefer'd his Nephew Mr. *Garinus* to be Master there, who govern'd it many Years.

Ibid.
fol. 96, 97.

This Abbot obtained a Grant from King *Richard I.* that no Prior of any Cell, that belong'd to this Monastery, should be made Collector of Tenths, or Subsidies, or of any other Tax, or Duty whatsoever; and he and his Con-

vent gave to the sick Women of *St. Mary de Prato*, the Place wherein their Church was built, the Shops on either Side the public Street, with the Way in the End of the arable Feild and Meadow of *Kingsburp*; and for their Sustenance, all the Procurations, which were wont, or should after that time, be given, at the Decease of the Abbots, also the Procuration of King *Offa*, King *Henry*, and Pope *Adrian*, with Meat and Drink assigned at the same Procurations for ever; and until they should fall they should receive of the Cellarer four Loaves of Bread, and one for Sopwell, and the same Measure of Beer, and a Mess of Meat of the Cook, and the first and last Loaf of Bread from the Oven of the Court; and they shall quietly grind every Week the Chief of their Dichmulin, and their Mault, at the Maultmulin of the Abby, and every of them shall have an old Coat of a Monk every Year; and one Frock, to the Number of thirteen, and three Pence every Year, out of the Toll of *St. Alban*; and the Chaplain that shall serve at the Chapel of *St. Mary de Prato*, shall have one Loaf of Bread, and one Measure of Beer, and one Mess of the Cook; and the Chaplain and the Clerk shall have one Mark of the Church of *St. Eadmund* every Year, and half a Mark of the Church of *Nettingham*; they moreover granted to the sick Women, that they should have the Tyth of the Lordship of *Luton* and a little Barn there, where their Tyth should be laid, and the Servant that shall gather this Tyth shall eat with the Family, with many other things too long to relate, and when this Abbot had govern'd this Church eleven Years, eight Months and eight Days, he full of Years died the third of the Calends of *May*, Ann. 1195, 6 R. I.

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Matt. Paris,
fol. 95, 96, 97.

XXI. *John de Cella*, a Person born of mean Parents, not far from a Street called *Stodham*, but of great Piety and a Lover of the Order and Discipline of the Cloyster; in his Youth he was a diligent Frequenter of the Schools at *Paris*, and became a Companion for the Masters there, and when he took upon him the religious Habit, he daily increased in Vertue, and by Reason thereof was chosen Prior of *St. Eadmundsbury*, where he behaved himself so well in that Office, that his Merits induced the Convent to advance him to the Government of this Church; but after the Manner of Schollars, ignorant of the Care of the Family, he devoted himself wholly to Study, Contemplation, and continual Devotion, and quitted himself of the Trouble of *Martha*, choosing the better Part like *Mary*; for he carefully observed the Commands of his Master, as the most worthy thing, and committed the Reins of the Government of the outward things to the Lord *Reimund* his Prior, (who who was a Person of great Council, Prudence, and

Ibid. fol. 103.

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Religion), and to the Lord *Roger de Parco* his Cellarer, (who was very provident and circumspect in secular Affairs), that being eased of the Charge of those worldly things he might be at Leisure more freely to contemplate and pray; and by the Advice and Assistance of those two Brethren, and with the Encouragement of an hundred Marks laid up by his Predecessor, design'd for the Work of the Church, he pull'd down the Wall of the Front of the Church to the Ground, with the old Roof, and indissolvable Cement; after that the old Refectory and Dormitory, and built a new and fair Refectory, where he rejoiced with his Brethren, then a most noble Dormitory; and the Convent spared their Wine for fifteen Years towards the building of these two Houses.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
487.*

In the time of this Abbot, King *John* sent his Precept to all Sheriffs of England, that they should cause four lawful Men with the Reeve of every Vill, which they kept in their own Hands, to meet at this Town of *St. Albans*, that by those and their other Ministers, he might enquire and be informed, what Damage every Bishop had sustain'd? what had been taken from? and what was due to them? and the same Year confirmed all the Grants of his Predecessors to this Church.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 239.
Prin's Coll.
pt. 1, p. 26.*

In Anno 1213, 14 *Johan*, a Parliament was held at this Town of *St. Albans*, where *Jeoffery*, the Son of *Peter*, and the Bishop of *Winchester*, with the Archbishop, Bishops, and Nobles of the Kingdom were assembled; at which time the King's Peace was declared to all, and it was firmly commanded on the King's behalf, that the Laws of King *Henry* his Grandfather should be kept by all in the Kingdom, and all unjust Laws should be made void; moreover all Sheriffs, Foresters, and other the King's Officers were commanded, that as they loved their Lives and Members, they should not in any manner extort any thing violently, nor presume to wrong any, nor make Scotals any where in the Kingdom, as they were wont to do.

This Abbot did many works of Piety; and when he had governed this Church eighteen Years, in Anno 1214, 15 *Johan*. he exchanged this Life for a better.

XXII. *William de Trumpington*, on the Day of *St. Edmond* the King and Martyr, was elected and installed, and on *St. Andrew's* Day was blest by *Eustace*, Bishop of *Elg*, and received the Reward of his Blessing as the manner was before the great Altar: When the Pope suspended *Stephen*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, for holding Correspondence with the Barons, and endeavoring to dethrone the King; upon Notice thereof, he came to this Monastery, caused the Suspension to be published here, and sent it from hence to be published in all Cathedral and Coventual Churches thro' England.

William Earl of *Salisbury* and *Falcatus de Brent*, with the Forces left under their Command at this Town, put very strong Garrisons into the Castles of *Windsor*, *Hertford*, and *Berkhamsted*, to observe the Barons in the City of *London*, and to hinder People from going and carrying Victuals thither; then marched into the Counties of *Essex*, *Middlesex*, *Hertford*, *Cambridge*, and *Huntingdon*, where they made the like Waste upon the Barons' Estates, as the King did Northward, and farther destroy'd the Parks and Warrens and cut down their Hortgrounds.

*Hand. of
Cathar.
Brady's Hist.
fol. 504.*

In Anno 1217, 1 H. III. Prince *Lewis* took the Castles of *Hertford* and *Berkhamsted*, then ravished this Country, and plunder'd the Inhabitants that resided in the way until he came to this Town, and requir'd the Abbot to do Homage to him; which he refused unless he was released from his Homage to the King of *England*; *Lewis* enraged at this Answer swore he would burn both the Abby and the Town, unless he would do it; whereupon the Abbot, by the Mediation of *Saher* Earl of *Winton*, made a Composition with him for himself and the Town, till the Candlemas following, and gave him fourscore Marks of Silver, to spare the Abby and Town so long, and then he returned to *London*.

Ibid. fol. 528.

The 22nd of *January* following, *Falcatus de Brent*, having gathered a Number of *Ruffians* out of the Castles of *Oxford*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, and *Windsor*, came to the Abby of *St. Alban* in the Evening, spoiled the Town, took Men, Women, and Children, bound them, and slew some, so that the Abbot to save the Abby, and Town from burning, was forc'd to give *Falcatus* one hundred Pounds of Silver.

*Stow's Annals,
fol. 176.
Matt. Paris,
vol. 2, fol. 199*

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol.
743, 746.*

'Tis reported of this *Falcatus*, that after he had plunder'd this Town, slain divers of the Inhabitants, carried away others as Prisoners, and extorted a great Sum of Money from the Abbot and Townsmen, he came hither accidentally, to speak with *Pandulph*, Bishop of *Northwich*; and the Bishop asking him in the Presence of the Abbot, and others, if he had ever offended *St. Alban*, he answered, no; the Bishop reply'd, I asked thee this Question, because as I lay asleep in my Bed one Night, I dreamed, that I was in the Church of *St. Alban*, where standing before the High Altar, and praying, I looked behind me, and saw thee standing in the Quire; and casting mine Eyes upward, I saw a mighty Stone fall out of the Steeple, with such a Force, that it crushed thy Head and Body together, so that thou didst thereupon vanish, as if thou hadst been drowned; wherefore my Advice to thee is, that if thou canst call to mind, that thou hast in any sort offended that blessed Martyr, that thou wilt make full Satisfaction to him and

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all his, before the Stone doth fall upon thine Head; but this wretched Man, desiring Pardon from the Abbot and Convent, refused to give them any Satisfaction at all, for what he had extorted from them; and 'tis said, that his Death happen'd soon after, by Poison taken in a Fish, wherein it was put; and lying down after Supper, he was found dead, black, and noisome.

*Brady's Hist.
fol. 524, 525.
Stow's Annals,
fol. 177.*

When the Solemnity of *Easter* was past, and the Castle of *Mount Soril* was besieged, Prince *Lewis*, at the Instigation of *Saher* Earl of *Winchester*, the Lord, or Owner of the Castle, sends out of *London* six hundred Knights, and above twenty thousand armed Men, who all gaped after Plunder, whereof the Chief were the Earl of *Berch*, Marshal of *France*, *Saher* Earl of *Winchester*, *Robert Fitz-Walter*, and many others, who were judged very fit for that Expedition: They set forth the last of *April*, marched towards this Town, burning and robbing all the Towns and Churches in their Way, spoiling all Sorts of Men, and cruelly tormenting them, that they might force excessive Ransoms from them, neither did they spare this Abby, tho' the Abbot a little before had satisfied *Lewis*: Then they proceeded to *Redburne*, where they spoiled the Church, and from thence marched to *Dunstable*, where they did much mischief to that Church and from thence went forward to the North, with Intent to remove the Siege before the Castle of *Mount Soril*.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 116.*

This Abbot was summon'd to appear among all the great Prelates of Christendom, at the Council of *Latran*, which was called by Pope *Innocent III.*; from hence he went at great Charge, carrying with him two Monks, *Alexander de Appleton*, a very learned Man, and of good Behaviour, and *Roger Porcane*, who were well acquainted at the Court of *Rome*; and when this Abbot appeared in Council, he behaved himself with that Learning and Discretion, that the Pope and all the Prelates greatly applauded him.

*Ibid. anno
1232, fol. 372.*

On the 16th of the Calends of *January*, Anno 1232, 16 H. III. a great Consistory of Abbots, Priors, Arch-deacons, with almost all the Nobility of the Kingdom, Masters, and Clerks, met here by the Command of the Pope, that they might celebrate the Divorce between the Countess of *Essex* and her Husband; but on the Morrow, the Consistory was discharged, and every one returned to their Homes.

Ibid. fol. 124.

This Abbot appointed a melodious and most sweet noted Bell, called by the Name of *St. Mary*, to be tolled thrice every Day at seasonable times, to call six Monks, with the chief at the Altar, and other faithful People of Christ and *St. Mary* humbly and devoutly administering to them, and praying for the Prosperity of this Church and their own.

He also rebuilt *St. Cuthbert's* Chappel, being as then

ruinous and ready to fall down, which he made to the Honour of St. *Cuthbert*, St. *John* the Baptist, and St. *Agnes* the Virgin; and when he had govern'd this Church twenty Years and almost three Months, he died on the Feast of St. *Matthew*, An. 1235, 19 H. III. and was buried on the 3d of the Calends of *March* following, by the Abbot of *St. Albans*.

XXIII. *John* of *Hertford*, born at that Town, from whence he received his Name, and Prior of the Cell there, was created and install'd Abbot of this Church; he gave a Cap well embroider'd, with a bushy Robe to wear in the Quire, and a Cup gilded with Silver, very precious in Work and Substance, which he assign'd for the Refectory: He built a most noble Hall for the Use of Strangers, and added very many Bedchambers to the same, with an inner Parlour, and a Chimney, and a most noble Picture, and an Entry, and a small Hall; also a most noble Entry, with a Porch or Gallery, and very many fair Bedchambers, with their inner Chambers, and Chimneys, to receive Strangers honourably; for the Hall which was there was become ruinous, and very unsightly, but the new Hall was cover'd with Lead.

King *Hen. III.* by his Charter dated at *Woodstock*, 17 May, Anno 1248, 32 Regni sui, granted Free-warren to this Abbot and his Successors, in all their Demesne Lands whatsoever in *England*, and that no Person should hawk or hunt there without his License, upon the Pain of 10*l.*

Anno 1250, 34 H. III. upon St. *Lucies* Day, there was a great Earthquake in this Town and the Parts thereabouts, with a Noise under Ground as tho' it thundred, which was the more strange, for that the Ground is chalky and sound, nor hollow or loose as those are where Earthquakes often happen; and this Noise did so fright the Dawes, Rooks, and other Birds, which sat upon Houses or Trees, that they flew to and fro, as if they had been frightened by a Goss-hawk. *Augustine Galestius*, in his Book of Earthquakes, says, that the Cause of them proceeds from the Wind when it gets into the Bowels of the Earth, and being rarified by the Sun or Stars beginneth to swell, and seeking Passage to get forth, is pent up by the Solidness of the Earth, of which he setteth forth three Kinds;

1. *Chasmatius*, when the Ground gapeth or sinketh down, like that which happen'd Anno 1175, 26 H. II. at *Oxenhall* near *Barlington*, in the Bishoprick of *Burham*, the Earth lifted up itself like an high Tower, and so stood from Morning till Night, then it fell down with a terrible Noise, leaving a hugh deep Pit, which *Leland* saith he saw, and is now called *Well Rettle*.

2. Another Kind is *Brasta* or *Brasmatius*, as when the Earth riseth up like an Hill, and so moveth as *Markle*

*Hund. of
Caisnes.*

Matt. Paris
fol. 125.

Ibid. fol. 133.

Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 243.

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

Hill in ~~Herefordshire~~, Anno 1571, which for three Days together raised itself to a great Height, and so moved in a frightful Sort, with a roaring Noise, it overthrew ~~Wynaston~~ Chappel, Sheepcoat, and Trees, and at length rested, being now of the Height of 12 Fathoms.

3. The last Kind is *Epichienta*, as when the Earth trembleth and shaketh, like that great Earthquake in 1165, 12 H. II. in the Isle of ~~Elp~~, ~~Portfolk~~, and ~~Suffolk~~, that overthrew them that stood on their Feet, and made Bells to ring in the Steeple.

Inexpimus.

King Henry, by his Charter dated 13th of October, An. 1254, 38 *Regni sui*, discharged the Abbot of an Amercement of 100*l.* assess'd upon this Town and Liberty; because the Inhabitants came not before Henry de Mare and William de Wilton at Chesbunt, which is out of the Liberty, to enquire of Trespasses; and he released to this Abbot two Marks and an Half, which Nicholas de Espiter, Alexander Stoile, William de Saurige, and Reginald the Goldsmith, Tenants of the Abbot, were amerced out of the Liberty, for that Trespass, and the King confirmed this Priviledge because the Tenants of this Abbot ought not by their Charters to be summon'd out of this Liberty before any Justice or Inquisitors for any Cause whatsoever.

Anno 1247, 31 H. III. John and Alexander, two Friars Minors, Englishmen by Birth, were sent by the Pope to collect Money in England, by his Authority, and under the Pretence of Charity; they obtained the King's License for it, then came to this Monastery, where they demanded of this Abbot 400 Marks to be paid to them for the Pope's Use: Who answer'd, that such Exactions were never known before, and very unjust, for that it was impossible to answer them, and in the Beginning of Lent following, they demanded again of the Abbot other 400 Marks, and then cited the Abbot to appear at London within three Days, to satisfie the Pope's Demand; upon which the Abbot sent his Archdeacon to appear for him at the Place appointed, who after Demand made, obtain'd with some Difficulty a Copy of the Brief, and answer'd that the Abbot design'd to send special Messengers to Rome, to acquaint the Pope with these Grievances, and for Remedy appeal'd to him; but when the Messengers of the Abbot came to Lyons, (where the Pope then resided) they were coldly received, and met with great Difficulties, and some Checks; but when they saw their Entertainment, and no Remedy, they compounded for 200 Marks, and their Expence amounted to a hundred Marks more.

*Matt. Paris,
pt. 2, fol. 235.*

Anno 1257, 41 H. III. the Archbishop of ~~Messina~~ came as Legate from the Pope with a great Train of Servants and Horses, and Letters of Procuration, and Authority to de-

mand, receive, and punish such as should resist, and sent his Commands in Writing to every Prelate to provide him Money by Way of Proxy, so that he received 21 Marks of this Church, and the Cells belonging to it, and when the Monks gave him a Visit in his House, and brought no Money with them, he asked them why they were such Beggars, and advised them to send to some Merchant that would lend them the Money, and detained them there as Prisoners untill such time that they had satisfied his covetous Demands.

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Caithae.*

This Abbot and Convent on *Palm-sunday*, Anno 1257, received Letters from the Pope to let them know that they must pay five hundred Marks to certain Merchants, to whom they were bound in that Sum within a Month, otherwise they were to understand, that after that time they should be suspended; tho' they did not know that they were bound to any Man.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
619.*

The Exactors or Usurers being severe upon this Church about the Feast of *Simon and Jude*, it was under Interdict fifteen Days, not that it wanted great Priviledges, but that the detestable Addition of *Non Obstante* annull'd the pious Concessions and Authority of all the holy Fathers; therefore the Convent rather chose to comply with an unjust and violent Sentence, than be guilty of a Contempt.

Ibid. fol. 620.

Anno 1258, 42 H. III. King *H.* came to this Monastery; he continued three Days, caused them to carry the Martyr solemnly in Procession thro' the Cloyster of St. *Katharine*, where he perform'd his devout Oblations; and whilst he staid there, Messengers brought News that *Walter Cumin*, the most potent Earl of Scotland, was killed by a Fall from his Horse; and he also heard that *J—* Son of *Geoffrey*, not far from *Chufford*, was dead, for whom the King caused Mass to be solemnly celebrated in the Convent; and he was farther informed that *Brancaley*, a Senator of Rome, was dead, which was no small Detriment, and his Unkle was substituted in his Place.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 980.*

Anno 1265, 49 Hen. III. this Town was fortified with a Wall, and so close shut up with Locks and Bars on the Gates on the inside and outside for Fear of War, that Travellers desirous to pass, especially Horsemen, were denied Passage thro' the Town; at which time *Gregory* of *Stock*, Constable of *Hertford*, envying the Courage of the *Albanesses*, boasted that he would enter the Town with three Youths and four of the best Villains he had at *Hertford*, and in Order to it, enter'd the Town, and looking up and down as though he had done a great Act, making every where some foolish Discourse, he at length said to his Youths, See which Way the Wind stands; by and by an Executioner thinking that he would burn the Town, I will teach thee, saith he, which Way the Wind stands, and pre-

Ibid. fol. 999.

*Hund. of
Catholice.*



sently gave him a Blow on the Cheek with such Force, that he laid him on the Ground at his Feet, and thereupon he with his Youths were encompassed in, and secured with Iron Rings and Fetters, and presently their Heads were cut off by the Executioner, and fixed upon long Poles, placed at the four Ends of the Town; but when the King heard all this, he amerced the Town at a hundred Marks, who presently paid the Money.

This Abbot did appropriate the Churches of *Borton*, *Edlingham*, *Werteburne*, and *St. Michael*; and bought a House in *Church-street*, very fit for Strangers, because 'twas a corner House, and open to the Street on the East, and to the other Street right over against the Abby Gate.

*Weav. Acts
and Mon fol.
561.*

XXIV. *Roger* in the time of *Edw. I.* succeeded, he was a very pious and religious Man, and wondrously loved the Beauty of this Church, he laid out great Costs and Charges upon the Repair thereof, and adorning it, gave three tunable Bells to the Steeple, whereof two were dedicated to the Honour of *St. Alban*, and the third to the Honour of *St. Amphibalus*, which he appointed to be rung at nine of the Clock every Night; whereupon it was called *Corfeu*, or cover Fire-bell, for that every one was bound to cover their Fire when the Bell was rung.

Ibid.

XXV. *John of Werhamsted* was the next that was promoted to the pastoral Staff, who apply'd his Mind wholly to Works of Piety, and to Prayers for the Health of his Soul.

Imperimus.

King *Edw. I.* by his Charter dated at *Westminster*, 23 Jan. 4 *Regni sui*, granted, that since the Abby was immediately subject to the Court of *Rome*, and exempt from all ecclesiastical and secular Authority, the Abbot shall certify all Excommunications into the Chancery, which shall be as effectual as the Certificate of any Bishop; and farther granted, that the Abbots should have episcopal Power over all Persons within their Jurisdiction.

*Holl. vol. 2.
Norden, p. 22.*

Anno 1290, 18 *Edw. I.* Queen *Elleanor* died on the 28th of *November*, of a grievous Sickness at *Wetby*, a Town near *Lincoln*, as the King was on his Journey to *Scotland*, whereupon he returned to convey her Corps to *London*, and in every Town and Place, where her Body staid in her Passage from thence to *Westminster*, the King caused a stately Cross to be erected, whereupon one was built in this Town, garnish'd with the Image of the Queen, and his and her Arms fixt upon it in Commemoration of her; he lamented her Death, and bewailed the Loss of her all the Days of his Life, for she was a vertuous Lady, modest, pitiful, a Lover of the English Nation, and as it were, a Pillar of Defence to the whole Realm; her Bowels were buried in the Lady Church at *Lincolne*, where a Tomb was erected with the Arms of *Castile*, but her Body was buried at *Westminster*.

XXVI. *John Marines* was the next Abbot in Succession, and gave a Censor of great Price, and many other Necessaries to this Church.

Anno 1302, 30 *Edw. I.* King *Edward*, by his Charter dated at *Caldestreame*, 20 *July*, granted to the Abbot and Convent, that the Prior and Convent in all times of Vacation after the Death of any Abbot, shall have the Custody of the Abby, and of all their Lands and Goods, and shall dispose of them at their Pleasure; saving to the King and his Heirs, all Knights' Fees and Advowson of Churches, which shall happen in the times of any such Vacation, and one thousand Marks *per Annum*, to be paid by two equal Payments for so long time as the Vacancy shall continue; and that no Sheriff, Escheator, Bailiff, or other Officer shall intromit into any of their Lands, during any Vacation; only the Escheator shall enter the Ally Gate in the Vacation, and make a Seisure for the King, and that being taken, shall presently depart from thence without taking or carrying any thing away; nor that the Prior or the Convent in the time of Vacation, shall be disturbed for their own Knights' Fees.

XXVII. *Hugh* enlarged the Revenues of this Church, for he purchased the Mannor of *Caldecot*, and divers other fair Possessions, and obtained from King *Edward* divers great Gifts, with a Crucifix of Gold beset with precious Stones; a Cup of Silver Guilt of great Value, and divers Scottish Reliques, and Timber to repair the Quire, and one hundred Pounds in Money.

The Burgesses held this Town of the King in Chief, and they (as the Burgesses in other Boroughs in this Kingdom) of Right, did send to the King's Parliaments two Burgesses, when they happen'd to be summon'd, as they were used to do in all past times, for all Services which they ought to perform to the King, these Burgesses and their Predecessors performed in the time of King *Edward* late Father of the King, and his Progenitors, and in the time of the present King.

A Catalogue of the BURGESSES which this Borough heretofore sent to Parliament.

EDWARD I.

- 28 | At *Westm.* *Ball. Libtat. nullum dederunt Responsum.*
 35 | At *Carl.* *Simon de Trewyck, Adam Ettestile.*

EDWARD II.

- 1 | At *North.* *Lucas Nedeham, Steph. d' Mulborn.*
 2 | At *Westm.* The Return is torn off.
 5 | At *Lond.* *Radus Picot, Petrus Picot.*
 5 | At *Westm.* *Petrus le Plomer, Pet. Picot.*

Anno 1315, 8 *Edw. II.* the Burgesses of this Borough complained to the King by Petition, that the Sheriff of this County, by the Procurement of the Abbot, refused to warn

*Head. of
Calistot.*

*Weav. fol.
561.*

Insuperimus.

*Weav. Fun.
Acts & Mon.
fol. 561.*

*Brady's An-
swer to Petil.*

*Prio's Par.
Brev. pt. 4,
p. 900.*

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

the Burgesses for this Borough, or return their Names according to his Duty, that they might do their Service, which was to the Prejudice of the Burgesses, and manifest Danger of disinheriting them: To which the King answered, That the Rolls of *Chancery* should be searched, if in the time of the King's Progenitors, the Burgesses used to come or not? and then they should have Justice done in this Matter, and such as have been called should be called, if there was Occasion; and afterwards they sent two Burgesses again to Parliament, as appears by this Catalogue.

EDWARD III.

*Prin's Par.
Brev. pt. 4,
p. 900.*

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| 2 | At York. Roger Raison, John Sterthop. |
| 2 | At Bath. Rob. d'atte Hall, Will. d' Mareschal. |
| 4 | At Winchester. Thomas Son of John le Taillour, Roger Alceyn. |
| 4 | At Exeter. Roger Rayson, Robert d' Morgan. |
| 6 | At Bottingh. Rog. Rayson, Will. Tidenhangre. |

Ibid.

Ibid.

All which Burgesses were made by the Commonalty of the Borough, as is manifest by the Records and Writs for their Election, who were the governing Burgesses of this Borough; But from the fifth Year of *Edw. III.* I cannot find that this Borough sent any more Burgesses to Parliament, supposing the Abbot prevailed with the King to discharge them from this Service: But when this Monastery was dissolved, King *Edw. VI.* restored this Privilege to them by Charter dated 7 *Regni sui*, which I shall shew in the proper Place.

*Weav. fol.
561.*

XXVIII. *Richard de Wallingford* the next Abbot, was a Person endow'd with all Kind of Learning, both moral and divine, and pass'd thro' many Troubles in Defence of the Rights of this Church; he gave a Clock to the same which far exceeded all the Clocks that were at that time in England, and he repaired the Mills of the Park, the Moor, Coddrot, and Luton, and made a Mill at this Town, and another at Stankfeld.

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 391.*

Anno 1321, 14 *Edw. II.* *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*, the Earl of *Hereford*, and divers other Noblemen incited others to their Party, and with one Accord, met at *Sherburne* in *Elmede*, and thence with Banners displaid, came to this Town, whence they sent the Bishop of *Salisbury*, *Hereford*, and *Chichester* to the King, requiring him to banish the *D'Spencers*, in Regard of their excessive Charge and Covetousness, and that they sway'd him which Way they pleas'd, and to grant his Pardon to all those who were in Arms against them: To which the King gave a sharp Answer, which so exasperated these great Lords, that they forthwith marched to *London*: When the King discerning his own Danger, he assented to their Demands, at the Instance of the Queen; whereupon the Barons called a Parliament by Writ, in which both the *D'Spencers* were banish'd, and the

Sentence was proclaimed at Westminster; and this Abbot died *Anno Dom.* 1334.

*Hand. of
Cathor.
Weav. Mon.
fol. 561.*

XXIX. *Michael de Mentemore* well deserved the Name of an Angel (saith my Author) for the Works which he did do testify what he was; and that all the time that he govern'd this Church, he was so pious and mild to his Brethren, that he was accounted as an Angel among them. He died in the Year 1342, and was buried in this Church, with this Superscription upon his Stone.

*Hic jacet Dominus Michael, quondam Abbas hujus Monasterii Barch-
laureus in Theologia, qui obiit pridie Idus Aprillæ, An. 1342.*

XXX. *Thomas de la More* Prior of *Tinmouth* in the County of Northumberland, was advanced to the Government of this Church.

Ibid.

Anno 1347, 21 *Edw.* III. the King granted to him and his Convent, that they might improve their Wasts, and let them to Tenants for Years, Life, or otherwise, for the true Value; and by Deed dated *Anno* 1350, 24 *Edw.* III. in Consideration that the Abbot and Convent had granted to the King the Advowson of *Datchet*, he released to them one Pension of five Pounds *per Annum*, which they paid to the King's Chaplains, till he was preferred, because the King's Progenitors were Founders of the Abby; and *Anno* 1357, 31 *Edw.* III. the King granted Leave to the Abbot and Convent, to inclose the Abby with a stone Wall, and that they should hold two Fairs in the Town of *Wharfedale*, every Year, the one to continue for three Days, the other for two Days.

Ibid.

Ibid.

Anno 1381, 4 *R.* II. *Wat Tyler* and *Jack Straw* raised great Commotions in several Counties, which brought much Disturbance and Trouble upon this Abbot, for the Rebels came hither, demanded of him and the Monks all the Charters that concerned their Liberties, and to take such new ones as might serve their Purpose; the Abbot and Monks fearing every Hour that they would burn their House because they had them not; the Prior, certain Monks, and Laymen, Servants to the Abbot, fled for Fear of the Rabble, knowing their Hatred to them; but when they understood that their Captain *Wat Tyler* was slain, they began to be more moderate, and the rather, for that a Knight brought the King's Letters of Protection in Behalf of the Abbot and his House, yet they continued their Demands, that the Abbot would discharge them of all Services and accustomed Labours, so that they intended to be freed from all such Works and Customs, as heretofore they had usually done for their Landlords.

*Holl. vol. 2.
fol. 434.*

When the King had quieted the Commotions in *Essex*, he came with a great Number of armed Men and Archers to

*Head. of
Caister.*

Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 431.

this Town, where he caused the Malefactors to be brought from Hertford Gaol to this Place, in Order to be tried for their several Treasons before Sir *Robert Tresilian*, Chief Justice of the *King's Bench*; whereupon *John Ball*, a wicked Priest, brought from *Cobentry*, was tryed by the King's Order, on *Saturday* the 13th Day of *July*, Anno 5 R. II. for High Treason, and the same Day, was condemned to be drawn, hang'd, and quartered; but thro' the Intercession of *William* Bishop of *London*, his Execution was respited, that he might obtain Repentance for the Health of his Soul, until *Monday* following, being the fifteenth Day of *July*, when his Body was quarter'd, and sent to four Cities of the Realm; then *William Greendecob*, *William Caddington*, *John Barbor*, and others of this Town and County, to the Number of fifteen Persons, were tryed, condemned, drawn, and hanged; also divers of the chief Men of this Town, as *Richard Wallingford*, *John Garleek*, *William Berewel*, *Thomas Putor*, and about eighty Persons of the Country, were committed to Prison, but afterwards were discharged upon the King's Pardon. The Townsmen possess'd with great Hatred and Malice against the Abbot and Convent, tried many Ways to save those that were to be executed; and several of the Townsmen and Tenants of the Abbot and Convent having gotten Letters of Discharge from performing any bond Service to them, the King directed his Letters to *John Ludowick*, *John Westwicombe*, *John Kenting*, *Richard Perers*, *Walter Saunford*, *Richard Gifford*, *Thomas Eidon*, and *William Eccleshal*, to make Proclamation in all Towns and Places where 'twas necessary, through the Counties of *Buckingham* and *Hertford*; That all and every Person and Persons that ought to do any Manner of Service or Duty, to the Abbot and Convent, whether they were Bondmen or Freemen, should do and perform the same in such Manner as they had used to do, before the late Troubles upon their Faith and Allegiance, to the King, upon the Forfeiture of all that they had to lose, and if any refused to do the same, that the Commissioners should commit them to Prison, till further Order for their Punishment.

Ibid. fol. 432.

On *St. Margaret's* Day all the Commons of this County that were between fifteen and threescore Years of Age, a summoned to appear before the King in the great Court of this Abby, came hither, and took an Oath from henceforth to be faithful Subjects to him and never to rise, or make any Commotion to the Disturbance of his Peace, and rather die than consent to any rebellious Persons, whom they should to the uttermost of their Powers apprehend, and deliver to Prison, that they might be forth coming.

Soon after, the King came to *Easthamsted*, to recreate himself with hunting, where he heard that the Bodies which

were hanged here were taken down from the Gallows, and removed a great Way from the same; this so incensed the King, that he sent a Writ, tested the 3d of *August, Anno 1381*, to the Bailiffs of this Burrough, commanding them upon Sight thereof, to cause Chains to be made, and to hang the Bodies in them upon the same Gallows, there to remain so long as one Piece might stick to another, according to the Judgment; but the Townsmen not daring to disobey the King's Command, hanged the dead Bodies of their Neighbours again, to their great Shame and Reproach, when they could not get any other for any Wages to come near the stinking Carcasses, but they themselves were compelled to do so vile an Office.

*Hand. of
Tatshor.*

*Weav. fol.
338.*

King *Richard* by his Charter, dated the 6 of *September* following, reciting, whereas King *Edward I.* had granted to the Abbot and Monks, that the Prior and Convent should receive the Profits of the Lands of the Abby, paying one thousand Marks *per Annum* to the King, granted to them all their Goods and Temporalities; and all that they should hereafter purchase for this Church to the Prior and Convent, as if it were *sede plena*; saving to the King the Knights' Fees, and Advowsons of the Churches, and Escheats, which should fall in the time of such Vacation; yielding yearly to the King and his Heirs for ever, fifty Marks, and to be for ever discharged of the Payment of the thousand Marks in the time of any Vacation, and also to be excused from serving in his Wars, for the Lands they held of him; after this Abbot had waded through all his Troubles, he adorned this Church much more richly, than any of his Predecessors had done, appropriated the Church of *Appleton*, and covered the West Part of the Floor with Pavements, and the several Gifts which he gave to the same, cost him above four thousand Pounds; then he ended his Days very piously, *Anno 1396*, and was buried in this Church.

XXXI. *John Moot* was the next that was preferr'd to the Government of this Church, whom King *Richard* favoured; for he by his Charter dated at *Westminster, Feb. Anno 1307, 20 Regni sui*, reciting, whereas the Abby was immediately subject to the Pope of *Rome*, and by the Pope's Bull, they may elect their Abbot, paying twenty Marks yearly to the Pope's Collector in *England*; he confirmed this Bull, so as under the Seal of Convent they satisfied the King of the Death of every Abbot; and pray'd Leave to choose a new Abbot; he pardoned their Offence in procuring the Apostolical Letters without Leave, and granted the Rent of twenty Pounds *per Annum* to the Pope.

*Weav. Mon.
fol. 561.*

Inexp.

This Abbot erected a very fair House for himself and his Successors in the Mannor of *Tittenhanger*, where they

Mr. Cox.

*Hund. of
Caispoe.
Weav. Mon.
fol. 561.*

might retire for their Ease and Pleasure, recreate themselves, and be merry with their Friends and Relations; but died before he had finisht the same, *Anno Christi* 1401, 1 *Henry* III.

XXXII. *William Hayworth* govern'd this Church, was admir'd much for his great Holiness and Devotion, beloved both of God and Man for the Strictness of his Life, and the Excellency of his Government, when he had performed many Acts of Piety, he died about the Year, 1434, 12 *Hen.* VI. and was buried in this Church.

Ibid. fol. 562.

XXXIII. *John de Whethamsted* was denominated from the Soil of his Place of Birth, a Village near this Town called *Whethamsted*; but from his original Parents, *Bostock*. He was a Monk of the Priory of *Winmouth* in *Northumberland*, to which he bequeathed a Chalice of Gold, and from thence, was worthily promoted to the Government of this Church; where he was very famous for his great Learning, his Godly Life and Conversation, his pleasant Disposition, and his great Affection to the Beauty of the House of God; and he was so espoused and betrothed to it, that he raised great Sums of Money to adorn and enrich the same, and caused our Ladies Chappel to be trimmed and rarely painted, with Stories out of the Sacred History, and with Verses curiously drawn in Gold; he built a small Chappel on the South Part of the Church for his own burial Place, and caused new Windows to be made, and glaized in the North Part of his Church, which were somewhat dark, that it might appear more light and glorious, and several Hexameters were inscribed in the Glass under the Images of certain Heathen Philosophers, which had testified of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, and caused a fair large Window to be made in the West End of the North Isle, to illuminate his Church.

Ibid. fol. 563.

He made a reverend kind of embroidered Vesture for himself and his Successors to use when they entered into the *Sanctum Sanctorum*, a new Mitre, and a Pastoral Staff, a Chalice of pure Gold, a Pair of Silver Censers, and a Pair of Silver Flagons Guilt, upon which the similitudes of a Lamb and an Eagle were engraved, for the Use of the Holy Altar; and upon the Pictures of Christ, the blessed Virgin, *St. Alban*, and the sacred Host, as they were to be carried into the Cloister or into the Town, and he caused diverse Verses to be written, to bring the People into a reverend Esteem of them.

Ibid. fol. 564.

He likewise trimmed up his Monastery with curious painted Imageries, and divers Inscriptions in Golden Letters, some in his own Lodgings, others in the Walk, betwixt the Hall and the Abbot's Chamber, others in the Chamber adjoining to his Study, and others in the Win-

dows of the Abbot's Study or Library; he gave a great Bason of Silver double Gilt to the Monastery, built a Chappel for the Convent, and in all his new Buildings or Repairings, he caused the Pictures of a Lamb and an Eagle to be drawn or painted thereupon with Verses, which might lately have been read upon the Roof or Top of the Quire of the Abby Church.

*Hund. of
Caisheor.*

He also built much at his Mannor of *Tittenhanger*, greatly enlarged the Chappel there, and caused the Similitudes of all the Saints of his own Christian Name, *John*, with his own Picture to be painted upon the Walls; and this Prayer in a distick, *that the unworthy He might have a Place with his Namesakes in Heaven*. He rebuilt the Church of *Redburn*, and consecrated the Altar again; he erected a Library in the Monk's Colledge in *Oxford*, to which he gave many Books, also a Chappel adjoyning to the Library, and in the principal Windows the Pictures of the Crucifix, the Virgin *Mary*, and *St. John Baptist* were painted.

*Weav. Men.
fol. 566.*

He bestow'd great charges upon the Abbot's House in *London*, and by his great Wisdom, perswaded *Humphry* Duke of *Gloucester*, to give a Suit of Vestments worth 3000 Marks, with the Mannor of *Pembroke* in *South Wales*, that the Monks should pray for his Soul; chose this Church for the Place of his Burial; and when he had govern'd this Monastery about twenty Years, he resigned up his Staff.

Ibid.

XXXIV. *John Stock*, Prior of *Wallingford*, about *Ann. 1455*, 33 *Henry VI.* was elected from thence to govern this Church the same Year; the Duke of *York* accompanied with his choice Friends, the Earls of *Salisbury* and *Warwick*, the Lord *Cobham* and others, raised a potent Army, and marched towards *London*: The King levied another with *Buckingham*, *Humphry* his eldest Son, Earl of *Stafford*, *Edmund* Duke of *Somerset*, and divers others of the Nobility and Gentry, to the Number of two thousand Men of War, set forth from *Westminster*, the 21st Day of *May*, *Anno 1445*, 33 *Hen. IV.* and marching towards this Town to meet them, quartered that Night at *Watford* or *Wadeford*, and the next Morning came early to this Town; about which time the Duke of *York* appeared in the Head of his Army, drawn up together in a Place called *Repefeld* near this Borough, but the King pitched his Banner in a Place called *Crovelow* some time *Sandforth* in *St. Peter's Street*, and commanded the Wards and Barriers of the Town should be strongly guarded.

*Stow's Annals
fol. 306.*

When the Duke of *York* had continued with his Army in the Feild from seven of the Clock in the Morning, till almost ten, the Duke by the advice of his Council, desired of the King in Writing, that his Majesty would be pleased

*Ibid.
Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 642.*

*Hund. of
Caistor.*

to deliver such as they should accuse, that they might suffer as they had deserved.

So soon as the King received this Message, he commanded all People to avoid the Field, and threatened to punish every Mother's Son, according to Law, who should assist the Traitors, and rather than they should have any Lord to protect them, he would that Day live and die in the Quarrel.

*Holl. vol. 2,
fol 643.*

But *Hollingshead* reports from this Abbot, that when the King first heard of the Duke's Approach, he sent the Duke of *Buckingham* and others, to know the Cause of his coming in that hostile Manner; the Duke answered, he and his Army were the King's faithful liege Subjects, and intended no Harm to his Majesty, only desired that he would deliver up into his Hands the Duke of *Somerset*, who had lost *Normandy*, taken no Care to preserve *Gasconne*, and had brought the Realm into this miserable Condition; then they would without Trouble or Breach of the Peace, return to their Countries, otherwise they would rather die in the Field than suffer this Grievance.

Ibid.

The King resolving rather to try the Hazard of a Battle, than to deliver the Duke to his Enemies, the Duke of *York* made a Speech to encourage his Army to fight, and sounding their Trumpets to Battle, between eleven and twelve at Noon, broke in with his Soldiers in three several Places of the Town, during which time the King being at the House of *Edmond Westby*, Hundredor of that Liberty, and hearing the Duke was coming, commanded his Soldiers to kill all the Lords, Knights, Gentlemen, and others, that should be taken on his Part. This done, the Lord *Clifford* kept the Barriers of the Town so strongly, that the Duke of *York* could not enter into the Town with all his Power, the Earl knowing this, drew all his Men together, and broke into the Town, by the Garden Side, between the Sign of the *Key* and the *Eschequer* in *Hollifwell Street*, and as soon as his Soldiers had entered the Town, they hollowed with an extraordinary Shout! crying a *Warwick*, a *Warwick*! and then the Duke of *York* entered the Town with a strong Hand, broke down the Barriers, and fought a fierce and cruel Battle, where there were slain on the King's Part, *Edmond Duke of Somerset*, *Henry Earl of Northumberland*, *Humphry Earl of Stafford*, Son to the Duke of *Buckingham*, *John Lord Clifford*, *Sir Robert Vere*, *Sir Barthram Entwissell*, Knight, (a Norman by Birth, who forsaking his native Country, to continue in his loyal Obedience to King *Henry*, came into England when *Normandy* was lost) *Sir William Chamberlain*, *Sir Richard Fortescue*, and *Sir Ralph Ferrers*, Kts. *William Zouck*, *John Boutreux*, *Ralph Babthorpe*, with

*Hand. of
Cathol.*

his Son *William Corwin*, *William Cotton*, *Gilbert Faldinger*, *Reginald Griffon*, *John Dawes*, *Elice Wood*, *John Eith*, *Ralph Woodward*, *Gilbert Sherlock*, and *Ralph Willoughby*, Esquires, with many others, as *Hall* saith eight thousand, but certainly he meant eight hundred, which is more agreeable to the Number of the King's whole Army, which he brought with him to that Battle, for they did not exceed two thousand, and of the other Part about six hundred were slain, of all which Persons about forty eight were buried in this Town, and at the Battle were divers wounded; of whom the King was shot in the Neck with an Arrow, *Humphry Duke of Buckingham*, and the Lord *Sudley*, in their Visages, and *Humphry Earl of Stafford* in his right Hand with Arrows: The Earl of *Devon* was sore hurt that he could not go, but was carried Home in a Cart, and Sir *John Wenlock* was so wounded, that he was conveyed thence in a Chair, and divers Knights and Gentlemen were also wounded; *James Butler*, Earl of *Ormond* and *Wiltshire*, and *Thomas Thorpe*, Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, with many others, fled away thro' Gardens, Backsides, Shrubs, Hedges, and Woods, leaving their Harness there, and seeking Places where to hide themselves, until the Storm of that Battle were past; diverse of the King's House, who could better act the Part of Courtiers than Soldiers, fled with the first, and the speedy Flight of those of the Eastern Parts of this Realm, did manifest their want of Courage; the King perceiving his Men to have deserted him, retired into a poor Man's Cottage, to save himself from the shot of Arrows, which flew like Snow about him; the Battle ended; the Duke of *York*, and the Earls of *Warwick*, and *Salisbury*, finding the King there, humbled themselves before him on their Knees, and begg'd his Majesty's Grace and Pardon, for what they had done in his Presence; whereupon the King desired, that they would require and charge their People, to withhold their Hands from doing any more Mischeif, which Command they immediately obeyed; in the meanwhile the Soldiers that had obtained the Victory, stripped not only those that had borne Armour against them, but also the Inhabitants of the Town, and 'twas thought if the King had lodged at his first coming in the Abby, as he did in the Midst of the Town, to provide the better against his Enemies, the Abby had been also spoiled.

Soon after the Queen obtained great Victories at *Wakefield*, and encouraged with the Success hereof, was desirous to recover the Company of her Husband the King, and to repeal the Laws which had been made in the last Parliament, to that intent she recruited her Army by the Assistance of the Northern Lords who came with them

Stow's Annals,
fol. 413.

*Hand. of
Catshoe.*

hither, where she heard that the Dukes of **Norfolk** and **Suffolk**, the Earls of **Warwick** and **Arundel**, and the Lord **Bonville**, and others, whom the Duke of **York** had left to govern the King in his Absence, had gather'd a great Army, which encamped near this Town.

*Stow's Annals
fol. 413.
Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 660.
Bar. of Engl.*

The Queen with these Lords on *Shrove-tuesday*, 17th of *Febr. Anno 1461, 39 Hen. VI.* marching forward with an Intent to pass through this Town that they might fight their Enemies, received in the Market-place a Storm of Arrows, which flew as thick as Hail, and quickly repulsed them, so that they were forc'd with Loss to retire to the West End of the Town, where by a Lane that leadeth Northwards up to **St. Peter's Street** they entered, and had a sharp Encounter with the King's Army; but after a great Slaughter on both Sides, they made their way through them, and upon the Heath at the North End of the Town, called by some **Wernard Heath**, by others **No Mans Land**, they had a far greater Conflict with four or five thousand of the King's Army, which made so fierce an Onset at the Beginning, that the Victory rested doubtful for some time, so that if the Eastern and Southern Men had continued as they began, they had obtained the Victory, but after the Fight had continued a long time, and none came to their Relief, Captain **Lovelace** with his Kentish Men, which was the Van of King **Henry's** Army, began to faint and soon after turning their Backs fled away, over Hedge and Ditch, through Woods and Bushes, seeking to escape the bloody Hands of their cruel Enemies, that followed them fiercely and killed many of them in the Flight, and more had been destroyed, if the Night had not approached.

The Earl of **Warwick** fled to the Earl of **March**, who was coming out of **Wales** towards **London**, and the Nobles that were about the King, perceiving that the Field was lost, and saw no Hopes of the King, who inclin'd to the contrary Part, withdrew, leaving the King accompanied only with the Lord **Bonneville**, and Sir **Thomas Kiriell** of **Kent**, who would also have gone away, but the King assured them, that they should have no Hurt, and upon this Assurance, they tarried with him; nevertheless at the Instance of the Queen, the Duke of **Exeter**, and the Earl of **Devonshire**, both of them were beheaded.

*Stow's Annals,
fol. 414.*

In this Battle *Stow* saith 1916 Persons, but *Hollingshead* saith 230 Men, were slain, of whom no Nobleman is remembered, but Sir **John Gray**, who was the same Day knighted, in the Company of twelve others, in the Town of **Colney**.

Ibid.

When the King was in a Manner left alone without any Guard, **Thomas Hoo**, Esq. a Man well learned in Lan-

guages, and well read in the Law, advised the King to send a Messenger to the Northern Lords, and let them know, that he would gladly come to them, for he knew they were his Friends, and meant to serve him; the King approving it, appointed him to carry the Message, who first delivered it to the Earl of Northumberland, and returning back to the King, brought several Lords with him; they conveyed the King first to the Lord Clifford's Tent, that stood next to the Place, where the King's Army had encamped; then they brought the Queen, and her Son Prince Edward to him, whom he joyfully received; embracing and kissing them, and thanking God, who had restored his only Son to his Possession; and the Queen caused him to dubbe the Prince a Knight, with thirty other Persons, which the Day before had fought valiantly on her Part; then they went to the Abby, where the Abbot and Monks received them with Hymns and Songs, brought them to the High Altar, then to the Shrine, and thence conveyed them to the Chamber, in which the King was wont to lodge, the Abbot moved the King and Queen to restrain the Northern Men from spoiling the Town; and Proclamation was made to that Effect, but it availed nothing, for the Queen had covenanted with them, that they should have the Plunder and Spoil of their Enemies after they had past the River Trent, and they spared not any thing that they found, that was fit for them to carry away; after these Troubles were past this Abbot died in the Year of our Lord, 1452.

*Hand. of
Cainhor.*

John of ~~Walthamsted~~ was elected again into this Place, and caused the Vallies once more to rejoice with Corn; He purchased the Mannors of ~~Crarston~~ in the Parish of ~~Walthamford~~, ~~Appnells~~ in the Parish of ~~Redburne~~, and built the beautiful Chappel at his own Charge on the North Side of St. Alban, which was solemnly consecrated to the Honour of St. Andrew the Apostle; He also purchased the Mannor of ~~Radwell~~ near Norton ~~Burston~~ near the Park of ~~Spwood~~, ~~Boturwike~~ within the Vill of ~~Sleepe~~, ~~Retoland~~ and ~~Squebblers~~ in the Vill of ~~Parke~~, ~~Legates~~ within the Vill of ~~Walden~~, ~~Amsells~~ within the Vill of ~~Werton~~, the Message heretofore belonging to Alan Brit in London; also by way of Escheat the Mannor of ~~Harpestreild~~ within the Lordship of ~~Parksoken~~, the Mannor of ~~Wiggin~~ in ~~Rickmersworth~~, the Land and Pasture formerly belonging to Simon Pakesihill in ~~Bernet~~, of the yearly Value of five Marks, one Message near the Church in ~~Norton~~, and many other Places.

Per loupex.

He obtained also of the Lord Grey of Ruthin, a Release of the Advowson of the Priory of ~~Bello loco~~, and by his great Merit he procured the Grant thereof from Pope Eugenius IV. for the Union of that Place. King Edw.

Ibid.

*Hind. of
Caister.*

IV. by his Charter dated at Westminster, the 3d of Nov. 2 Regni sui, 1462, granted to him that the Abbot according to the Charter of Hen. II. should have the Retorne and Execution of all the King's Writs, all Goods and Chattles of all their Men, Tenants, and Inhabitants within their Lands, Tenements, or Fees, outlaw'd for High Treason, Felony, Contempt, Trespass, Debt, Accompt, or any Cause whatsoever, Felons of themselves, and other Felonies whatsoever, of Fugitives, and condemned Persons, or of any other Persons, that for any Felony or other Occasion whatsoever, ought to lose their Life or Member, or shall fly and refuse to receive Judgment, or shall be outlawed, or for any Fault or Offence, or any other thing they shall do, for which their Goods and Chattles ought to be lost, wheresoever Justice ought to be done thereupon, and that the Servants of the Abbot may Seize all such Goods and Chattels without the Hindrance of the King's Officers, and keep the same for the Use of the Abbot and Convent, though those Persons held of the King: And that the Abbot shall have all Fines and Amerceaments, for all Trespasses and other Offences committed by their Tenants and Inhabitants within or upon their Lands or Fees, and all Deodands, Treasure, Trove, Wreck of Sea, and all things which ought or may belong to the King, arising within the Vills or Hundreds of or in any of their Lands or Fees, in any of the King's Courts.

The Abbot shall have Jurisdiction of all Manner of Pleas, Lands, and Tenements arising within their Towns of St. Albans, Wernet, the Hundred of Caister, and Liberty of St. Alban, and Assizes of Novell disiezin, Mordauncester, Certificates, and Attaints of the same Lands and Tenements before the King, or any of his Justices, &c. or before themselves, and their Stewards, who may hear and determine the same, and that none of the Justices or Ministers of the King shall intromit.

The Abbot and Convent, and their Successors, shall appoint within their Liberty, their Justices to keep the Peace, and to hear and determine all Manner of Felonies, and Trespasses; and the Justices of the Peace for the County shall not intromit: And they shall have a Goal for their Liberty within the Town of St. Alban to keep safe Felons, and other Malefactors, which shall be taken within their Vills, Hundreds, and Liberties, until they shall be discharged according to Law: And the Steward of the Abbot shall associate one or two learned Men of the Law (whereof the Steward shall be one) who shall be Justices to deliver the Goal of the Prisoners committed there for what cause soever; and no other Justice shall enter into the Liberty to deliver the Goal.

The Bailiff of the Abbot shall return all Juries, Panels, Inquisitions Attachments, and Process, to Justices

and Steward, or to two of them appointed to deliver the Goal, and shall return and execute all Precepts, Warrants, and Judgments of the Justice and Steward, as is usual for the Sheriff to do.

*Humd. of
Catholoe.*

The Abbot shall have the Assize and Assay of Bread, Wine, Ale, Meat, and Drink, and all other Victual, Measures, and Weights whatsoever, and of all other things pertaining to the Clerk of the Market of the King's Household, and to punish and correct so often and when it shall be expedient, and shall have all Fines, Redemptions, Amerceaments, and other Profits issuing from thence, and the Clerk of the King's Household shall not intromit.

The Abbot and Convent, and all their Tenants and Inhabitants whatsoever, of the Vills, Hundred, and Liberty, shall be free and quit from all Prizes, and from the taking of Horses, Carts, and other Carriages; also of Wheat, Barley, Winter-corn, Oats, Beans, Steers, Oxen, Cows, Heifers, Hogs, Porkers, Goats, Sheep, Lambs, Calves, Geese, Pullets, Capons, Hens, Chickens, Pidgeons, Fish, Eels, flying Fowls, Conies, and wild Beasts, Salt, Wood, Underwood, Coal, and other Utensils whatsoever, so that no Purveyor shall enter into the said Vills, Hundred, or Liberty, to take away any such Victual or Premises for the King's Household, without License of the Abbot.

This Abbot did stoutly defend the Lands and Liberties of his Church, adorn'd Duke *Humphry's* Tomb, gave Money by his Will to make a new Bell, which was called *John* after his own Name, and to new glaze the Windows in the Cloysters; and that which is most memorable and commendable of him was, that after so many great Charges and Expences, he left this Church free from Debt, and dyed the 20th of *Jan.* 1464, 4 *Edw.* IV. and was buried the 25th of *Feb.* then next following.

XXXVI. *William Alban*, Dr. of Law, born in this Town, whence he derived his Sirname, was first chosen Deacon of this Place, then raised to be Prior of this Church, after that was elected to the pastoral Staff on the last Day of *January*, 1464, in whose time the Art or noble Science of Printing was brought into England. The rude and savage People of *Crete*, ascribed the Invention of Letters to *Cadmus*, because he brought them thither, and instructed them therein, when they were as ancient as *Seth* or *Enoch*, for they left Letters written on Pillars of Stone and Brick long before the Flood, which *Josephus* affirms. *Jude* proves the Prophecies of *Enoch*, and some Part of his Books, which contained the Course of the Stars, and *Origen* saith their Names and Motions, were afterwards found in *Arabia Felix* in the Dominion of the Queen of *Sheba*. *Tertullian* affirms he had seen and

*Ral. Hist. of
the World,
cap. 7, sect. 4,
fol. 115.
Jude Epist. 21.
Origen Hom.
in Numb. 14.*

*Hund. of
Cathoe.*

read some whole Passages of it: and *Tertullian, Origen, Bede, Procopius, Gaseus*, and others, cite them in their Writings.

The *Chineses* had Letters and the Art of Printing long before the *Egyptians* or the *Phenicians*, when the *Greeks* had not any civil Knowledge or Letters among them; but *Jo. Curthenberge*, a German Knight, brought the Device of Printing from the Eastern Parts of the World to *Maguntz* in *Germany*; and *Conradus* and *Almaine* being taught by him, brought the Practice thereof to *Rome*; after which *Nicholas Gerson*, a Frenchman, improved the Letters and the Invention; and about the Year 1471, *William Caxton*, Mercer of *London*, brought this noble Art of Printing into *England*, which was first practised in the Abby of *St. Peter* at *Westminster*; then *John Insomuch*, a Monk and School-master in this Town, erected a Printing Press in this Monastery, where several Books were printed; one intituled the *Fruit of Time*, another, *The Gentleman's Recreation*, or the Book of *St. Albans*, so termed, because printed here in a thin Folio, Anno 1481, and compiled by *Julian Barnes*, the Abbess of *Soywell*; and another Book intituled *The Rules of Honest Life*, written by *Martin Bishop* of ———, to which is added the *Inchiridion of a Spiritual Life*, written at *St. Albans* in *Octavo* by *John Hereford* for *Mr. Richard Stevenage*, Anno 1558. Soon after Printing was used here, it was practised in the Abbies of *St. Augustine* at *Canterbury*, and other Monasteries in *England*: This Abbot govern'd this Church with great Wisdom and Satisfaction, and exchanged this Life for a better on the first of *July*, 1476, 16 *Edw. IV.*

Holl. Chron.
2, fol. 648.
Stow's Annals
fol. 404.

XXXVII. *William Wallingford* was first Archdeacon of *St. Albans*, then made Prior, after that advanced to the Pastoral Staff on the 5th of *August*, 1476, 16 *Edw. IV.* when he took this following OATH.

I shall faithful be and true, and Faith and Truth shall bere to you my Sovereigne Lord, and to your Heires, King of England, of Life and Lyns and of earthly Honorship ser to let and dye against alle pepell, and diligently I shall be attendant unto your nobis and businesse after my hopt and pover, and your Councell I shall keepe and layne, and truly I shall knowlach and due the services due of the temperalltes of my Abby of St. Albane, which I claime to hold of you soverren Lord, and the which ye asse and yeld me and to you and to your commandements in that, that is me apperteyneth and belongeth for my temperalltes I shall be obeyed;

So God helpe me and all his Saints.

This Abbot was abundantly charitable to the Poor, very noble to this Church, built that rich and costly Front of the High Altar, which dazzled the Eyes of all those that beheld it, and cost him a 1100 Marks; he paid one hundred Pound Sterling for his Chapel and a Tomb in the South Part of the Church near the High Altar, and the Iron-work Stone,

and the Engraving of his Effigies in Marble, with the Rest of the Ornaments of his Chappel.

King *Edw.* IV. by his Charter dated the 2d of *May*, *An.* 21 *Regni sui*, 1481, granted to this Abbot, the Monks, and their Successors, the Advowson of the Priory of *Uxmouth*, the County of *Northumberland*.

This Abbot diligently defended the Liberties and Privileges of this Church against the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and the great Chancellor of *England*; he sent two of his Monks, *John* and *Thornton*, to *Rome*, appeal'd there, and cited the Archbishop and the Dean of the *Archies* thither, and those Monks solicited his Right until he obtain'd a just Victory, and preserv'd the Priviledges which had been violated against God and *St. Alban*; he laid out much Money in Repairs and Purchases, all which he concluded very piously on the eighth Day of *August*, *Anno* 1484, 1 *R.* III. and was buried in this Church under a Stone with this Inscription upon it.

*Gulielmus quartus opus hoc laudabile cuius
Exstitit, hic passat, Christus sibi præmia reddat*

XXXVIII. *Thomas Ramrige*, who had formerly been Prior of this Monastery, *Anno* 1492, 7 *H.* VII. was promoted to the Government of this Church; he was a pious and religious Man, beloved both of God and Man, and his Name was celebrated among them for his good Works to Posterity.

XXXIX. *Thomas Woolsey* born of mean Parentage in *Epstowich* in the County of *Suffolk*, and very industrious at School, was removed early from thence to *Oxford*, where he commenced Batchelour of Arts at fifteen Years of Age, and within short Space, made Fellow of *St. Mary Magdalen* Colledge, and Master of *Maudlin* School, at which time, the Marquis of *Dorset* committed three Sons to his Tuition, and when he found the great Improvement of them, he rewarded him with a Benefice at *Uxington*: After the Death of this Marquess, Sir *John Naphant*, Treasurer of *Calais*, introduced him to the King, who made him one of his Chaplains, in which Station he was always very observant to those who had the greatest Influence upon the King: He obtained the Honour to serve his Majesty in the Quality of an Ambassador to the Emperor, which Business he performed with so great Speed, that upon his Return the King blamed him that he was not gone, not knowing he had been there, for his Expedition seemed incredible; he produced his Letters of Credence from the Emperor, and declared his Business to the King and Council with that Gravity and Eloquence that he obtained the greatest Applause of the King and Council; this inclined the King to bestow upon

*Hand. of
Calisher.
Imperimus.*

*Weav. Mon.
p. 556.*

*Stow's Annals,
fol. 497.
Holl. vol. 2,
fol. 921.*

*Hund. of
Cathoe.*

him the Deanery of *Lincoln*, which was then one of the best Promotions under the Office of a Bishoprick, and increasing daily in Favour with the King, he was promoted to be his Almoner.

When King *Henry VII.* died, and the Crown came to *H. VIII.* he behaved himself with that Policy at Court, that he was advanced to be one of the Privy Council and made Lord Chancellor of England, *An. 1516, 7 H. VIII.* after that Bishop of *Turay* in *France*; when the King return'd thence he was prefer'd to the Bishoprick of *Lincoln*, and the same Year translated to the Archbishoprick of *York*; but *Canterbury* claiming Superiority over him, the Pope sent him a Cardinal's Cap, made him his Legate and General Overseer of this exempt Monastery, *An. 1524, 15 H. VIII.* was elected Abbot of this Church on the 30th of *Novemb.* in the Year 1526, 17 *Regni sui*, and held this Office in *Commendam*.

He was twice sent on Embasseys to the Emperor *Charles V.* upon very great Importance between the King and the Emperor, and was furnish'd with all things suitable to a great Prince.

This Cardinal, saith *Campian* in his History of *Ireland*, was exceeding wise, fair spoken, high-minded, full of Revenge, vicious of his Body, lofty to his Enemies, courteous to his Friends, a ripe Schoolman, allured with Flattery, insatiable to get, and more princely in his Benefactions, but whosoever will know the Splendor of his Chappel, the Nobleness of his Tables, the Order of his daily Attendance in Term-time to *Westminster*, and the Glory of his State and Grandeur, may read the same in *Stow* and *Hollingshead*, to whom I refer the Reader. But when he fell under the King's Displeasure touching the Matter of Divorce between the King and Queen *Katharine*, thro' Despair of recovering his Favour, a deep Melancholly seiz'd him, and he died on *St. Andrew's Eve* at *Leicester*, *Anno 1530, 21 H. VIII.* in his Passage from *York* to *London*, and was buried in the great Church there, of whom *Hollingshead* gives this Description, That he was of a great Stomach, counted himself equal with Princes, obtained a vast Treasure by crafty Suggestion, forced little on Simony, was not pittiful, conceited in his own Opinion, would say in publick that which was false, was double in Speech and Meaning, would promise much and perform little, was an ill Pastor to the Clergy, sorely hated, and he feared the City of *London*.

XL. Robert Catton succeeded, and governed this Monastery about eight Years, of whom I read no more than that he died *Anno 29 H. VIII.*

XLI. Richard Boreman alias *Stevenache*, Prior of *Norwich*, was the last that was advanced to the Government of

*Rot. Cur.
Man. de
Brantfeild,
Anno 1536.*

*Ibid. anno
1539.*

this Church, *An. Christi* 1538, but enjoyed it a short time; for on the fifth of *December*, the next ensuing Year, the Abbot and Convent of this Monastery, through Fear, surrender'd to the King all their rich Monastery, with all the Revenues belonging to it, by delivering the Seal of the Convent into the Hands of *Thomas Pope*, Dr. *Peter*, Mr. *Cavendish*, and others, the King's Visitors, which Act afforded Matter of Example to many others; few enjoying that Security of Conscience, that they dared to claim their own.

And in Consideration hereof, the King, by his Charter, dated the 14th Day of the same Month, gave to the same Abbot the yearly Pension of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the Term of his Life, or to present him to one or more Benefices, or other Promotions of the clear yearly Value of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* And to *Thomas Kingsbury*, a Monk there, 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per An. To *John Alban* another Monk 13*s.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per An. To *Thomas Island* another Monk 8*l.* per An. To *William Hemingford* 8*l.* per An. To *William Estridge* 8*l.* per An. To *William Ashwell* 10*l.* per An. To *John Wendover* 7*l.* per An. To *Thomas Newnham* 10*l.* per An. To *William Wyach* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Ralph Bary* 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *William Albon* 12*l.* per An. To *Geoffery Sterling* 8*l.* per An. To *Thomas Merchant* 8*l.* per An. To *Edward Hills* 8*l.* per An. To *John Whethamsted* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Ralph Campyon* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Robert Bury* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Robert Moreton* 8*l.* per An. To *Henry Bestney* 8*l.* per An. To *John Brightwise* 6*l.* per An. To *Stephen Baily* 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per An. To *Will. Este* 12*l.* per An. To *Ralph Rickmansworth* 8*l.* per An. To *John Salter* 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* To *Edward Sibley* 8*l.* per An. To *Thomas Curtis* 6*l.* per An. To *Thomas Bartlin* 6*l.* per An. To *Richard Bennet* 8*l.* per An. To *William Leonard* 8*l.* per An. To *Robert Gregory* 6*l.* per An. To *Robert Gyles* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Peter Calton* 6*l.* per An. To *Thomas Albon* 8*l.* per An. To *Thomas Byngham* 100*s.* per An. To *Royer Mighell* 100*s.* per An. To *William Alen* 100*s.* per An. To *William Adam* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. To *Richard Bever* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. And to *Richard Milmars* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per An. all of them Monks of this Monastery.

When this Monastery was dissolved, all the royal Concessions and Grants which the former Prince had made to this Church, were reserved in the Crown; but for the Preservation of the Government of this Town, King *Edw. VI.* by his Charter dated 12 *May*, 7 *Regni sui*, 1554, granted that this Town shall be incorporated by the Name of Mayor and Burgesses of the Burrough of *St. Albans*, and shall have perpetual Succession; and the Bounds of the Burrough shall include all the four Wards; whereof the East Ward shall extend to the Bars in *Sopwell-lane*, the West Ward to

*Hand. of
Cathol.*

*Stow, fol. 377.
Herb fol.
442, 443.*

CurAugment.

*Cart. 7 Ed.
VI*

*Head of
Caishe.*

The Burrough shall be incorporated by the Name of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Burrough of St. Alban. The Common Seal.

The Common Council.

Justices of the Peace shall not intromit.

Steward and Chamberlain.

Clerk of the Market.

Election of Burgesses for Parliament.

Chief Burgesses.

First Chamberlain, Steward.

Justices of the Burrough

Kingsbury-lane, the North Ward to **Steberry**, and the South Ward to the Bars near the Dwelling-house of Sir **Ralph Rowlet**, called the **Steberryes**, and all the Messuages, Parcel of the Burrough incorporate: And the Mayor and Burgesses shall implead and be impleaded by the Name of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Burrough of **St. Alban**; and shall have a Common Seal which they may alter at their Pleasure; and by that Name may purchase Lands, not exceeding *50l. per Annum*.

There shall be ten Chief Burgesses, who shall assist the Mayor, be the Common Council of the Burrough, may make other Burgesses at their Discretion, and Laws and Ordinances for the Government of the Burrough.

All such Persons who shall dwell in the Burrough, and be Justices of the Peace, and shall not exercise any Art, Mystery, or Occupation there; shall not be free of the Burrough, nor intromit in any Matters of the Burrough farther than they are inabled by the Commission of the Peace; but in all other Respects, shall be as Foreigners to the Burrough.

There shall be a Steward and a Chamberlain, who shall perform those Offices within the Burrough.

There shall be a Clerk of the Market, who shall do all such things as shall belong to that Office in the Burrough, as the Clerk of the Market of the King's House may do; and no other Clerk of the Market shall intromit within the Burrough.

The Mayor and Burgesses of this Burrough, so often as any Parliament shall be summon'd, shall choose two discreet and honest Men to be Burgesses of Parliament for this Burrough, and shall send them to Parliament at their Charge, who shall be satisfy'd in such Manner and Form, as is used in other Burroughs, and those Burgesses shall sit in Council, and shall have Voices so long as the Parliament shall continue, and shall do all other things which any other Burgesses may or ought to do in Parliament for any other Burrough.

John Lockey shall be the present Mayor, and being sworn, shall execute the Office until the Feast of **St. Michael** the Archangel, when another shall be elected.

Thomas Johnson, **Henry Gape**, **John Nonney**, **Robert Wanton**, **Thomas Moningham**, **James Ashford**, **Richard Sharpe**, **John Sibly**, **Ralph Dove**, and **John Spencer**, shall be the ten Chief Burgesses and Common Council of the Burrough.

William Hudson shall be Chamberlain, **John Mainard**, Esq. shall be Steward for his Life; the Major shall be Clerk of the Market.

The Mayor and Steward, with others assign'd by Commission, shall be Justices of the Peace of this Burrough, and

shall enquire, hear, and determine all things, in as large a Manner as the Justices of the Peace in any County may or ought to do; and no other Justice of the Peace may intromit.

The Charnel House or the Town House shall be the common Hall, or House of the Mayor and Burgesses, where their Conventions may be appointed, their Courts held, and their necessary Business of the Burrough be performed.

The Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, shall every Year, on the Feast of St. *Matthew* the Apostle, between the Hours of nine and twelve in the Forenoon, meet in this Hall, or other convenient Place within this Burrough, and shall there nominate two of the Chief Burgesses before the Inhabitants of this Burrough, to the Intent that they, or the greatest Part of them, shall choose one of these two Burgesses to be Mayor for the Year following, who shall take his Oath to execute the Office; and if any Person, after Notice of his Election, shall refuse the Office without reasonable Cause, the Mayor and ten Chief Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, shall commit him to the Goal, there to remain until he shall execute the Office, or shall impose a competent Fine upon him, and detain him in Prison until he shall pay the same; and every Mayor elect shall be sworn before the last Mayor, if he shall be living and present, but if dead or absent, before the Steward and the Burgesses there present: And if any Mayor shall die, or be removed from his Place, the Burgesses shall within eight Days, meet at the Town Hall, or some other convenient Place within the Burrough, and choose two Chief Burgesses before the Inhabitants there; to the Intent that they shall elect one of those two Chief Burgesses to be Mayor for the remainder Part of the Year, and he shall be sworn as aforesaid.

If the Chamberlain shall die, or be removed, the Mayor and Chief Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, shall within four Days after such Death or Removal, choose another of the Burgesses to be Chamberlain, who shall be sworn before the Mayor and Steward of the Burrough.

If any of the Chief Burgesses shall die, or live out of the Burrough, or be removed from his Office, the Mayor and Chief Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, shall within eight Days after such Death or Removal, choose one or more of the Inhabitants to be Chief Burgess for their Lives, who shall be sworn before the Mayor.

If the Steward shall die or be removed, the Mayor and Chief Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, shall within eight Days choose another fit Person, well learned in the Laws of England, to be Steward for his Life, who shall be sworn before the Mayor.

The Clerk of the Market shall be sworn before the Chief

*Hand of
Catspoe.*

The Common
Hall.

The Election
of the Mayor.

The Election
of the Cham-
berlain.

The Election
of the Chief
Burgesses.

The Election
of the Stew-
ard.

Clerk of the
Market.

*Hand of
Cathol.*

Burgesses, or the greater Part of them, that he will well and faithfully execute his Office, without any Fear, Gift, Reward, or Favour.

*Serjeant of
the Mace.*

The Mayor shall choose two honest, fit Persons to be Serjeants at the Mace, to continue so long as the Mayor shall please, and they shall execute all Proclamations, Arrests, Processes, Executions, and other things which belong to their Office within the Burrough, in like Manner, as the Serjeants of the Mace in the City of London may do: And either of them may carry a Mace with the King's Arms, engraved upon it, before the Mayor, within the Burrough, and every such Serjeant of the Mace shall be sworn before the Mayor.

*Court of Re-
cord.*

The Mayor and Chief Burgesses shall hold a Court of Record before the Steward within the Burrough, on Wednesday in every Week, except the Weeks of *Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas*, and so from Week to Week for ever; And the Steward may hear and determine by Plaint to be levied there, all Pleas, Plaints, and Actions of all Manner of Debts, Accounts, Agreements, Contracts, Trespasses by Force and Arms, or other things and Actions, personal and mixt, whatsoever, which shall arise within the Burrough; so that the same do not exceed the Sum of 38*l*. And the Mayor and Burgesses upon such Quarrels, Pleas, Plaints, and Actions, may summon, attach, and distrain all Defaults, against whom any Plaints, Pleas, or Actions shall be brought in the said Court, by their Goods according to the Custom of the City of London; and for Want of Goods, may attach or take their Bodies, according to the Custom used in London; and may hear and determine all such Actions, Plaints, and Pleas, in such Manner as in London; and the Executions, Processes, and Judgments shall be made by the Serjeants, or either of them; and the Mayor and Burgesses shall receive all the Fines and Amercements which shall arise in the Court, to the Use of the Burrough, as they are levied in London; and the Mayor and Burgesses shall have Jurisdiction of all Manner of Pleas, Plaints, and Actions of Debt, Trespasses, and Agreements, Detinue, Deceit, and whatsoever other Pleas and Plaints, personal or mixed at common Law, or by Statute for any Cause, arising within the Burrough; (except Informations and Actions popular upon any Statute) so that the Declaration exceed not the Sum of 38*l*. And the Steward shall hear and determine the same according to the Laws, Statutes, and Constitutions of this Kingdom; so that none of the King's Justices, Barons of the *Exchequer*, Steward or Marshal, Clerk of the Market of the King's Household, Sheriff or other Officer, shall by any Means intronit, nor shall hold any Pleas there, nor Juries, or Panels concerning any Causes whatsoever, arising within the

Burrough, not exceeding 38l. shall return, nor any other, but only the Steward and Officers of the Burrough shall determine and perform the same.

*Hund. of
Caisior.*

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have a Goal within the Burrough, to keep safe all Felons and Malefactors taken there, until they shall be delivered according to Law.

The Goal.

The Mayor and Steward shall be put in every Commission with others assigned to deliver Prisoners in the Goal; and no Custos or Justice of the Peace shall intromit: And the Serjeants of the Mace, and other Officers of this Burrough shall retorne all Juries, Pannels, Inquisitions, and Attachments to the Justices assigned to deliver the Goal, and shall execute all Precepts, Mandates, Warrants, and Judgments of the same Justices, in all things, as the Sheriff of any County may retorne and execute.

Commission
to deliver
Prisoners.

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have the Assay and Assize of Bread, Wine, and Ale, and other Victuals within the Burrough; of the Measures and Weights, and the Emendation and Correction of them; and of all other Officers belonging to the Clerk of the Market of the King's Household, with the Punishment of them, and to execute whatsoever doth belong to that Office, they shall think necessary, and shall have all Fines, Redemptions, Amercements, and other Profits arising thereupon, to the Use of the Burrough.

Assize of
Bread, Wine,
and Beer.

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have the View of Franc-pledge of all the Inhabitants and Resciantes within the Burrough, in the Month after the Feast of St. *Michael*, and in the Month next after the Feast of *Easter*, which Courts shall be always held before the Mayor and Steward, or before the Steward alone.

The View of
Franc-pledge.

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have one Market on every *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, in every Week except *Christmas*, and shall hold three Fairs yearly, one at the Noon of the Vigils of the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed *Mary* the Virgin, to continue until the Noon of the Morrow of the said Feast then next following; another Fair at the Noon of the Vigils of St. *Alban*, and to continue until the Noon of the Morrow after the Feast, and the third Fair to begin at the Noon of the Vigil of St. *Michael* the Archangel, and to continue until the Noon of the Morrow after the Feast, with a Pipowder Court, Stallage, Picage, Fines, Amercements, and all other Profits whatsoever, with all Liberties and free Customs belonging to the same, to be taken for the Use of the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Burrough.

Two Markets.
Three Fairs.

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have the Retorne of Assizes, and of all Manner of Writs, Precepts, Bills, Mandates, and Warrants, and of all Summons, Extracts, and

Retorne of
Writs.

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Precepts of the *Exchequer*; and Extracts and Precepts of the Justices Itinerants, as well at the Pleas of the Forrest, as at the Common Pleas, or of other Justices whatsoever, and Attachments of Pleas of the Crown, and of others in this Burrough, and the full Execution of them; so that no Sheriff, Bailiff, or other Officer shall intromit within the Burrough, unless in Default of the Mayor and Burgesses.

Waifes, Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, Deodands, Estraises, &c.

The Mayor and Burgesses shall have all Waifes, Goods, and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, of Felons of themselves, and outlawed Persons, or otherwise, in any Manner condemned and convicted, Deodands, and Estraises whatsoever within the Burrough.

The Burgesses shall not be returned upon Juries in matters arising out of the Burrough.

The Mayor and Burgesses, or any of the Inhabitants within the Burrough shall not be put or impannelled upon any Inquisitions, Juries, Assizes, or Attaints to be brought of any Matter, arising out of the Burrough, but only of such Causes as shall arise within the Burrough.

The Parish of
St. Alban.

In Consideration that the Inhabitants of this Burrough have paid to the King the Sum of 400*l.* the King did grant to the Mayor and Burgesses, that the late Monastery of *St. Alban*, shall be called the Parish Church of the Burrough for all the Inhabitants within the late Parish or Chapelry of *St. Andrews*; and all the Messuages, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, wast Ground and Soil whatsoever within the late Parish of *St. Andrews*, shall be reputed Part of the Parish of the Burrough of *St. Alban*; and also granted to them, all the Walls, Structures, Buildings, Roofes, Lead, Iron, Glass, and Bells of the Church, and the Land and Soil thereof, and all the Chappels, Vestries, and Sumpter Yard there, and Scite of the late Parish Church of *St. Andrews*, and the Church-yard; and that in the Church of *St. Alban* there shall be a Rector, who shall have the Care of the Souls of the Parishoners, administer the Sacrament there, and perform all other things, which shall belong to the Office of the Rector of any Parish of this Kingdom, and the King doth constitute *George Witherhall*, Clerk, the first Rector of the Church of *St. Alban* for the Term of his Life; and granted that *George Witherall*, and his Successors, shall have in Right of the Church, all Manner of Tythes, Oblations, and all other ecclesiastical Rights and Profits within the Parish of *St. Alban* yearly for ever; which Tythes, Oblations, Rights, and ecclesiastical Profits did then extend to the clear yearly Value of 10*l.* and shall be rated at the Value of 10*l.* to the Payment of First-fruits, and at 20*s.* yearly for the Tenths; and the King did grant the Advowson and Right of Patronage of the Rectory and Parish Church of *St. Alban*, to the Mayor and Burgesses to hold of the King by Fealty in free Burgage of the Burrough of *St. Alban*; for all Services and Demands, and not in Ca-

Rector of the
same Parish
Church.

pite, rendring yearly to the King 10*l*. in the Name of Fee-farm, to be paid at the Court of Augmentation at the Feast of St. *Michael* the Archangel every Year, in Lieu of all Rents, Services, and Demands whatsoever.

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Catcher.*

Provided that the Justice of the Peace for the Liberty of *St. Alban*, shall have a Goal within the Burrough for the keeping safe of Felons and other Malefactors taken within the Liberty, and out of the Burrough, until they shall be delivered according to Law; and may hold their Sessions of the Peace and Goal Delivery for the Liberty within this Burrough.

The Goal.

The Mayor and Burgesses may erect a Grammar School within the Burrough; and make Statutes and Ordinances in Writing, touching the Government of the School, and shall do all other things touching the School; so that the same Statutes and Ordinances shall not be to the Prejudice of the King, nor contrary to the Laws of the Realm; which Statutes shall be inviolably kept, and observed for ever; and that the Mayor and Burgesses may the better bear the Charges of the Burrough and the School, and of the Master and the Usher, the King grants them Leave to purchase Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly Value of forty Pounds.

The Grammar
School.

By Vertue of this Charter, the Mayor and Burgesses of this Burrough were enabled to choose Burgesses again to serve this Burrough in Parliament, of whom I have collected these Names, out of the Records of the Rolls with great Exactness.

MARY.

1	Oct. 5	John Maynard, —————
1	Apr. 2	Thomas Wendy, Oliver Sterky

Oxford.

PHILIP and MARY.

2,3	12 Nov.	John Ashley, Robert Stepney
4,5	20 Jan.	———— Southwell, Esq.

ELIZABETH.

1	23 Jan.	Christopher Smith, Esq. John Dodmer
14	8 May	Henry Cock, Charles Smith
28		Hen. Maynard, Humph. Cuningsby, Esquires
30		Hen. Maynard, Humph. Cuningsby, Esquires
39	24 Oct.	Hen. Maynard, Humph. Cuningsby, Esquires
43	27 Oct.	Hen. Frowike, Esq. in the Place of F. Bacon

JAMES I.

1	19 Mar.	Francis Cotton, Adulph Carey, Esquires
21	12 Feb.	Arthur Capel, John Luke, Esquires

CAR. I.

1	17 May	Sir Charles Morison, Kt. and Bar. Sir Jo. Luke, Kt. both whom were chosen only by Burgesses according to the Charter, as appears by the Return
15	6 Mar.	Sir Jo. Jennings, Kt. of the Bath, Thomas Cuningsby, Esq.
16	3 Nov.	Sir J. Jennings, Kt. of the Bath, Edw. Wingate, Esq.

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

12	25 Apr.	Rich. Jenings, Esq. Tho. Arrie, M. D.
13	8 May	Rich. Jenings, Esq. Tho. Arrie, M. D.
30	6 Mar.	Th. Pope Blount, John Gape, Esquires
31	6 Mar.	Sam. Grimstone, Th. Pope Blount, Esquires.

CAR. II.

JAC. II.

1	19 May	George Churchill, Tho. Docwra, Esquires
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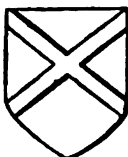
WILL. and MARY.

1	23 Feb.	Sir Sam. Grimstone, Bar. Geo. Churchill, Esquires
2	20 Mar.	Sir Sam. Grimstone, Bar. Geo. Churchill, Esquires

WILL. III.

7	Nov.	Sir Sam. Grimstone, Bar. Geo. Churchill, Esquires
	Aug.	Sir Sam. Grimstone, Bar. Geo. Churchill, Esquires.

Upon the Passing of this Charter, a Coat of Arms was granted to this Burrough, wherein they bear *Azure, a Saltier Or.*



Queen *Mary* by her Charter dated 18th *December*, 1554, 1 *Regni sui*, did confirm the Charter of *Edw. VI* in *ipsissimis verbis*.

In the 3 and 4 Years of the Reign of *P.* and *M.* Sir *Richard Lee*, Kt. bargain'd and sold to *Richard Bourman*, of London, Clerk, late Abbot of *St. Albans*, the Scite of that Monastery which he the said *Richard Bourman* by his Deed dated 29th *December*, 3 and 4 *P.* and *M.* granted to Queen *Mary* for diverse Uses, which was done with Intent to restore that Abby again.

Queen *Elizabeth* by her Charter dated 7th *Feb. Anno* 1560, 2 *Regni sui*, confirmed both the former Charters of *Edw. VI.* and Queen *Mary*, and upon the Petition of Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Kt. Lord Keeper of the Broad Seal, by her Charter dated at *Gratham Burgh*, 24th *Mar. Anno* 1570, 12 *Regni sui*, reciting the Grant of the School made by *Edw. VI.* for the farther Relief and Maintenance of the Master and School, granted that the Mayor and Burgesses may appoint two discreet and honest Inhabitants within the Burrough, to sell there all Manner of Wine, and may discharge them, or either of them, from such selling, and appoint other discreet Persons in the Place of one or either of them, so often as the Mayor and Burgesses shall think fit, to sell Wine, and shall grant there License by themselves, or Assigns in their Inns or Messuages within the Burrough, to keep two Wine Taverns, so long as they shall please to sell all sorts of Wine, by any

Licences to
sell Wine.

Measures and at any Price, to the greatest Profit of either of them without any Forfeiture; and no other Person shall sell any Wine within the Burrough upon the Penalty of 20*l*. so often as he shall do the same; provided if the Mayor and Burgesses shall not pay to the Master of the School the yearly Annuity of 20*l*. for his Maintenance at the Feast of St. *Michael*, the Archangel, the Birth of our Lord, the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and Nativity of St. *John* Baptist by equal Portions, or within one Month next after any of the Feasts, that then this Faculty shall be supended and cease, until the Master of the School shall be fully satisfied of such Annuity of twenty Pounds, and all the Arrearages thereof.

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King *James* I. by his Charter dated at Westminster, 10 Maii Anno 1605, 3 Regni sui, Ang. & Scot. 43, reciting the several Grants touching the School made by *Edward* VI. and Queen *Eliz.* and also reciting another Grant, whereas he by Letters Patents dated at Westminster, 18th December, 1606, 4 Regni sui, Ang. & Scot. 44. had granted free Liberty to *Robert Wooley* of this Town, *Leonard Wooley* his Son, and *Robert Wooley* the younger, another of his Sons, and their Assigns, that *Robert Wooley* the elder during his natural Life, *Leonard Wooley* after the Death of *Robert* his Father during his natural Life, and *Robert Wooley* the younger after the Death of *Robert Wooley* the elder, and *Leonard Wooley* his Son during the Life of *Robert Wooley* the younger, shall have one Tavern or Cellar of Wine within the Burrough of St. Alban in the Dwelling House wherein *Robert Wooley* the elder, *Leonard* and *Robert* his Sons, now dwell, or they or their Assigns shall dwell within the Town, and in it may sell and drink by Retail, by the Gallon, Pottle, Quart, or less or greater Measure, all Manner of wholesome Wines at their Pleasure, and for such Prices as the Wine with reasonable Profit may be sold without any Forfeiture, paying yearly to the Mayor and Burgesses to the Use of the Free Grammar School, for an Augmentation of the Stipend yearly paid to the Master, four Marks at the Anunciation of the blessed Lady the Virgin *Mary*, the Nativity of St. *John* Baptist, of St. *Michael*, the Archangel, and the Birth of our Lord, by equal Portions, during the natural Lives of *Robert Wooley* the elder, *Leonard Wooley*, and *Robert Wooley* the younger, and the longer Liver of them, and to the Intent that the several Rents of 20*l*. and four Marks shall continue hereafter to the Mayor and Burgesses, the King Grants to them, that within the Burrough and two Miles thereof, there shall be no more than three Wine Taverns for the future; and that after the Death of *Robert Wooley* the elder and his two Sons, and the Surrender or

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Forfeiture of their Interest, the Mayor and Burgesses may appoint one discreet and honest Person, (besides the two Persons appointed as aforesaid,) to sell all Manner of Wines within the Burrough, and to remove him, and to appoint another in his Place, so often as they shall think fit; and that no other Person shall sell Wine within the Burrough, or two Miles thereof, upon the Penalty of 20*l*. and the Mayor and Burgesses may search any Cellar, House, or Place within the Burrough or two Miles thereof, and if any Wine shall be found there to sell contrary to this Grant, they may seize the same to the Use of the King, and imprison the Offender, till he shall be bound to the Mayor and Burgesses, that he will not hereafter sell any Wine within the Burrough or two Miles thereof.

Provided that if the Mayor and Burgesses shall not yearly pay to the Master of the School the yearly Rent or Annuity of four Marks as aforesaid, this Faculty shall cease until the Master shall be fully satisfied of the four Marks and all the Arrearages thereof.

Charles I. by his Charter dated at Westminster, 17th Day of December, 8 *Regni sui*, Anno 1632, reciting the ancient Bounds of the Burrough in the time of the Abbot did extend from Gunnerston to Kingsbury, and from thence to the Corner of Dunbeg, and from thence to the Corner of Tonmanditch, from thence to the Grange of St. Peter, from thence to Wernet Wood, from thence to Stone Cross, from thence to the Corner of the Church-yard of St. Peters, on the East, from thence to the Grange or Barn of John, the Son of Richard Baldwin, from thence by Tonmanditch to Saphiel Lane, from thence to the Croft of John de Hampton, from thence to Green Lane End, from thence to Upwood Lane, from thence to Holliswall Bridge, and from thence to the River of Gunnerston; and to ascertain these Meets and Bounds, did grant that the Mayor and Burgesses by the Oaths of twelve honest and lawful Men of the Burrough, should walk round the same, and set out all the Meets, Bounds, and Divisions so often as they should find it necessary.

There shall be twenty four Assistants to be chosen by the Mayor and Chief Burgesses, which Assistants shall aid and assist the Mayor and Chief Burgesses, so often as they shall require them, in the Management of the Affairs and Business of the Burrough, and they shall hold the Offices for their respective Lives, with a Clause to confirm all things contained in the former Charters.

King *Charles II.* by his Charter, dated at Westminster, the 27th of July, Anno 1664, 16 *Regni sui*, granted that the Mayor and Burgesses of this Burrough, shall be

incorporated by the Name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeesses, of *St. Albans* in the County of *Hertford*; and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, plead and be impleaded, and purchase Lands and Tenements, Goods or Chattels, without Limitation.

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There shall be a Mayor and twelve Aldermen of the Burrough, who shall be the Common Council of the Burrough, and *Robert New* shall be the Mayor, until the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, and from thence until another of the Aldermen shall be chosen, and sworn to hold this Office; and *Robert Ivory*, *Edward Eames*, *Gawen Crofseld*, *Thomas Oxen*, *Thomas Cowley* the elder, *William Marston*, *John Gape*, *John New*, *Thomas Cowley* the younger, *Ralph Pollard*, *William Wiseman*, and *William Raunce*, shall be the present Aldermen to continue for their Lives, unless any of them for their ill Government, or other reasonable Cause shall be discharged.

There shall be twenty four Assistants, who shall be chosen by the Mayor and Aldermen, or the greater Part of them, who shall assist the Mayor and Aldermen, when requested, in Matters touching the Government of the Burrough, to continue, during their natural Lives, unless any of them, for some just Cause, shall be removed.

There shall be an High Steward, to advise and direct the Mayor and Aldermen in Business touching the Burrough; and a Recorder to do and execute all things in the Burrough, which belong to any Recorder in any other Burrough, and a Coroner, who shall perform all things in the Burrough; which belongs to the Office of a Coroner; and a Common Clerk to make and write all the Recognizances taken before the Mayor, and other Justices of the Peace in the Presence of the Mayor, and to ingross the same in Parchment, and to enter all Actions, Plaints, and Pleas, and other original and judicial Writs, and Process, and Judgments thereupon in the Court of Record, which any Common Clerk within any Burrough incorporate, may do by his Office, and he shall have all the Fees, Rewards, and Profits belonging to the Office of a Common Clerk; and there shall be three or four Attornies to prosecute, defend, and execute all things necessary, in Suits, Plaints, Causes, and Matters, which shall happen in the Court of Record.

Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Bart. Master of the Rolls, shall be high Steward, and shall continue during his Life; *John Simpson*, Esq. shall be Recorder for his Life; the Mayor and Aldermen shall choose a Coroner who shall continue during their Pleasure; *Thomas Richard* shall be Common Clerk, who shall continue during their Pleasure; and they shall choose three or four Attornies of the Court

*Hand. of
Cathol.*



of Record, who shall personally attend there; and the Recorder, Common Clerk, Coroner, Attornies, and Assistants, shall be sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen before they execute their Offices.

The Mayor and Aldermen may choose inferior Officers within the Burrough, and ordain and administer to them a fit Oath.

The Markets and Fairs mentioned in the former Charter are confirmed; and the Mayor and Aldermen shall hold the Fair in the Vigils, and in the Day, and the Morrow of the Feast of the Purification of the blessed *Mary* the Virgin, in the waste and void Places of the Soil in the Burrough, to continue as in the former Charter, with Pipowder Court.

No Forreigner, except in open Markets or Fairs, may buy or sell any Merchandise, beside Victuals, within the Burrough by Parcels or Retail, nor shall use any Mistery, Occupation, or manual Art within the Burrough, or Liberties thereof.

The Mayor nor any Person, who have been Mayor, shall be compelled to carry Arms in proper Person at any Muster before the Lord Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants in any County, but shall be for ever quit thereof; yet they shall find some other fit Person to serve in their Arms, when it shall be necessary.

The Mayor and Aldermen, upon every Market day, or other Day in the Week, may search in every House, Granary, Cellar, Chamber, Shop, and other Places within the Burrough, where there shall be just Cause of Suspition, that any Grain or Corn shall be hid or laid up, to advance the Price of such Grain; and if any such Corn shall be found, the same shall be brought into the open Market to be sold, at a reasonable Price for the publick Good of the Inhabitants within the Burrough.

Every Mayor shall be a Justice of the Peace for the Burrough for the Year next after his Mayoralty, if he shall live so long, and if he shall die, the eldest Alderman shall be sworn a Justice of the Peace in his Room, for the Remainder of his Year to come; and every Mayor during the Year next after his Mayoralty, shall have Precedency of all the Aldermen and Burgesses of the Burrough.

There shall be a Court of Record held before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder, or any of them, (whereof the Mayor or Recorder shall be one) and in the Absence of the Mayor and the Recorder, before two or more of the elder Aldermen in the Common Hall, or some other convenient Place, on *Friday* in every Week, except the Weeks of *Easter*, *Pentecost*, and *Christmas*, and so from Week to Week for ever. And the Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder,

and every of them, may hear and determine there all the Plaints, Pleas, and Actions, and other things contained in the Charter of *Edw. VI.* so that in the Declaration of any such Causes, Pleas, Plaints, or Actions, they do not exceed the Sum of fifty Pounds.

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Gutstep.*

The Mayor and Aldermen shall have all Manner of Fines, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, which shall be imposed at the Quarter Sessions to be held for the Burrough for any Cause whatsoever.

If any Person shall be chosen an Assistant, and shall refuse to take his Oath to execute the Office, the Mayor and Aldermen may set such reasonable Fine upon him as they shall think fit to be levied by Distress or Action of Debt, for the Use of the Burrough.

John Simpson, Esq. the present Recorder, may make a Deputy, who shall be sworn before the Mayor, and in the Absence of the Recorder shall have full Power to do all things belonging to the Office to all Intents and Purposes, as the Recorder might have done, and the Recorder shall be a Justice of the Peace of the *Quorum* within the Burrough.

All former Grants are confirmed with such Additions and Alterations as are herein mentioned: And all Officers shall take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; and every High Steward, Recorder, and Town Clerk, upon their Election, shall be approved by the King before they shall be admitted to execute their Office.

King *James II.* by his Charter dated at ~~Westminster~~, 16th of *March*, Anno 1685, 1 *Regni sui*, granted that one of the most honest and discreet Men within the Burrough or elsewhere in the County of ~~Hertford~~, shall be Mayor of this Burrough, and eighteen of the most discreet Men in the Burrough or County, who shall be Aldermen and Common Council of this Burrough; and *John Selioke* shall be Mayor, to continue until the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel; *Sir Francis Leigh*, *Sir Benjamin Titchborne*, *Sir William Parkins*, *Sir Thomas Fotherly*, *Sir Charles Cleaver*, *Sir Robert Marsham*, Kts. *Henry Guy*, *Thomas Halsey*, *James Wilkimot*, *Edward Seymour*, *John Withered*, Esquires, *John Gape*, *Thomas Cowley*, *Ralph Pollard*, *Thomas Eccleston*, *William Marston*, *Stephen Adams*, and *Edward Seabrooke*, Gentlemen, shall be the present Aldermen of the Burrough.

John Viscount Churchill of *Wymouth* shall be High Steward, *Anthony Farrington*, Recorder, and *Thomas Richards*, Common Clerk of the Burrough.

Every Alderman who shall hereafter be chosen Mayor, and shall not be resident in the Burrough, may make any Aldermen residing in the Burrough his Deputy, and such

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Deputy shall have full Power to act in all things touching the Burrough as the Mayor ought to do.

The Mayor shall be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hertford, and the Justices of the Peace for the County shall hold the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, which shall hereafter be yearly held after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and the Epiphany, within the Burrough of St. Albans, and not elsewhere.

The Recorder and eldest Alderman residing within the Burrough, shall be Justices of the Peace within the Burrough; provided always that in all Cases concerning the Nomination, Election, removing any Officer, or the Government of the Burrough, any nine Aldermen, whereof the Mayor shall be one, may do all things which the Mayor and Aldermen have been used to do, (except the Court of Record) shall be held as heretofore hath been used; provided the King may remove at his Pleasure the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Common Clerk, or any of the Aldermen, declared under the Seal of the Privy Council; and he confirmed all former Gifts and Grants, with such Additions and Alterations as are herein mentioned,

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in Archivis
Burgl.

Note, That this Charter as all others made by King James II. for the Government of other Corporations are now made void. The same King by his Charter dated at Westminster, 25th Febr. 1687, 3 Regni sui, granted unto John Lord Churchill, George Churchill, and Thomas Docwra, Esquires, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, all those the Advowsons and Right of Patronage, of, in, and to the Rectories and Parish Churches of St. Mary Northchurch alias North Berkhamsted, and Much Munden in the County of Hertford, with their and either of their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances upon Trust to present the Rector of St. Albans, to such of the Rectories or Parsonages as shall first become void, towards his better Support. Provided always that when and so soon as one of the Churches of St. Mary Northchurch alias North Berkhamsted, and Much Munden, which are now both full, shall by the Death of the present Incumbent, or otherwise, become void, that then this Grant as to the other of them shall cease and become void; and the same shall remain in the free Dispose of the King, his Heirs, and Successors.

The Names of the MAYORS, &c. of St. Albans.

1553 John Lockey	1560 William Hudson
1553 John Johnson	1561 Robert Woolley
1554 Henry Gape	1562 Richard Grubb
1555 Thomas Monningham	1563 Richard Seale
1556 Richard Sharpe	1564 John Gape
1557 John Sibly	1565 Thomas Johnson
1558 Randolph Done	1566 John Lockey
1559 Gilbert Compert	1567 John Lawrence

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1566	<i>William West</i>	1633	<i>Henry Gape</i>
1569	<i>John Sibley</i>	1634	<i>Gawin Crosfeild</i>
1570	<i>William Hudson</i>	1635	<i>William Humphry</i>
1571	<i>Robert Woolley</i>	1636	<i>Thomas Oxton</i>
1572	<i>John Gape</i>	1637	<i>Ralph Pollard</i>
1573	<i>William Rolfe</i>	1638	<i>Ralph Pemberton</i>
1574	<i>John Grace</i>	1639	<i>Thomas Cowley</i>
1575	<i>John Lawrence</i>	1640	<i>Richard Ruth</i>
1576	<i>William West</i>	1641	<i>William Newe</i>
1577	<i>John Clarke</i>	1642	<i>Robert Ivory</i>
1578	<i>John Sibly</i>	1643	<i>Edward Eames</i>
	<i>Robert Woolley</i>	1644	<i>Thomas Oxton</i>
1579	<i>John Gape</i>	1645	<i>Gawin Crosfeild</i>
1580	<i>John Goodridge</i>	1646	<i>William Humphry</i>
1581	<i>John Arnold</i>	1647	<i>Ralph Pollard</i>
1582	<i>Thomas Woolley</i>	1648	<i>John Simpson</i>
1583	<i>Francis Babb</i>	1649	<i>William Newe</i>
1584	<i>William Warren</i>	1650	<i>Thomas Cowley</i>
1585	<i>James Carter</i>	1651	<i>William Marston</i>
1586	<i>William Rolfe</i>	1652	<i>Ralph Gladman</i>
1587	<i>Robert Gostwick</i>	1653	<i>Robert Ivory</i>
1588	<i>Robert Shrimpton</i>	1654	<i>Edward Eames</i>
1589	<i>Richard Lockey</i>	1655	<i>Gawine Crosfeild</i>
1590	<i>Thomas Rockit</i>	1656	<i>Thomas Oxton</i>
1591	<i>William Fisher</i>	1657	<i>William Humphry</i>
1592	<i>John Clerk</i>	1658	<i>John Gape</i>
1593	<i>Francis Babb</i>	1659	<i>John Newe</i>
1594	<i>Ralph Gape</i>	1660	<i>Thomas Cowley, Jun.</i>
1595	<i>John Moseley</i>	1661	<i>Thomas Cowley, Sen.</i>
1596	<i>Robert Shrimpton</i>	1662	<i>William Marston</i>
1597	<i>John Saunders</i>	1663	<i>Robert Newe</i>
1598	<i>Thomas Woolley</i>	1664	<i>Robert Ivory</i>
1599	<i>Thomas Rockit</i>	1665	<i>Ralph Pollard</i>
1600	<i>William Antrobus</i>	1666	<i>William Rance</i>
1601	<i>Robert Woolley</i>	1667	<i>Thomas Oxton</i>
1602	<i>John Oxton</i>	1668	<i>John Gape</i>
1603	<i>John Moseley</i>	1669	<i>William Oxton</i>
1604	<i>William Spencer</i>	1670	<i>John Newe</i>
1605	<i>Robert Shrimpton</i>	1671	<i>William Rugg</i>
1606	<i>Francis Babb</i>	1672	<i>Thomas Cowley, Jun.</i>
1607	<i>Richard Gilmet</i>	1673	<i>Thomas Haward</i>
1608	<i>Robert Woolley</i>	1674	<i>William Marston, Sen.</i>
1609	<i>John Clerke, Jun.</i>	1675	<i>John Dogget</i>
1610	<i>John Saunders</i>	1676	<i>Ralph Pollard</i>
1611	<i>Robert Skelton</i>	1677	<i>Thomas Eccleston</i>
1612	<i>Robert Gilmet</i>	1678	<i>William Marston</i>
1613	<i>Thomas Goodridge</i>	1679	<i>John Gape</i>
1614	<i>John Oxton</i>	1680	<i>John Newe, Jun.</i>
1615	<i>Thomas Rockit</i>	1681	<i>Stephen Adams</i>
1616	<i>Thomas Wells</i>	1682	<i>John Newe, Sen.</i>
1617	<i>Michael Dixon</i>	1683	<i>Thomas Crosfeild</i>
1618	<i>Richard Wilmet</i>	1684	<i>John Seliok</i>
1619	<i>John Clarke</i>	1685	<i>Henry Guy, Esq.</i>
1620	<i>John Saunders</i>	1686	<i>Sir Francis Leigh, Kt.</i>
1621	<i>Robert Skelton</i>	1687	<i>Edward Seabrooke</i>
1622	<i>Thomas Woodridge</i>	1688	<i>Thomas Cowley</i>
1623	<i>John Oxton</i>	1689	<i>Thomas Haywood</i>
1624	<i>William Humphry</i>	1690	<i>Edward Horsell</i>
1625	<i>Thomas Rockit</i>	1691	<i>Henry Dobyns</i>
1626	<i>Ralph Pollard</i>	1692	<i>Samuel Loft</i>
1627	<i>Ralph Pemberton</i>	1693	<i>John Tiedell</i>
1628	<i>Richard Ruth</i>	1694	<i>Stephen Adams</i>
1629	<i>Michael Dixon</i>	1695	<i>John New, Gent.</i>
1630	<i>William Newe</i>	1696	<i>Nicholas Sparling</i>
1631	<i>Robert Ivory</i>	1697	<i>Stephen Adams</i>
1632	<i>Edward Eames</i>	1698	<i>John Sparling</i>

*Head of
Caisles.*

Names of the CHIEF STEWARDS of the Burrough.

- 1550 Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, of whom you may read in *Gorham-Burp*.
 1596 Sir *Thomas Egerton*, Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, of whom you may read in *Little Gubden*.
 1616 Sir *Francis Bacon*, Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, of whom you may read in the Mannor of *Gorham*.
 1625 Sir *Thomas Coventry*, Kt. who was constituted Solicitor General, Anno 14 Jac. I. and Reader of the *Inner Temple*, Attorney General Anno 18 Jac. I. and Keeper of the Great Seal Anno 1 Car. I.
 1660 Sir *Harbottle Grimston*, Bar. Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, of whom you may read in the Mannor of *Gorham-Burp*.
 1685 John Viscount *Churchil*, of *Hymsuth* in Scotland, was created Baron of *Saundridge*, 14 May, 1688, Earl of *Marlborough*, 9th of May, 1689, *Will.* and *Mary*.

STEWARDS of the Burrough of St. Albans.

- 1554 John *Maynard*, Esq. *Nicholas Kempe*, Esq.
 1589 Henry *Frowick* of *Lincoln's Inn*, Esq.
 1617 Henry *Ewre* of the *Middle Temple*, Esq.
 1619 John *Howland* of the *Middle Temple*. Esq. who was discharged from this Office Anno 1644, by Reason of his Loyalty to King *Charles I.*

RECORDERS.

- 1644 William *Foxwist*, Esq. one of the Benchers and Governors of *Lincoln's Inn*, from Anno 12 Car. II. to Anno 23 ejusdem Regis
 1661 John *Symson*, Esq. one of the Benchers of the *Inner Temple*, afterwards advanced to the State and Degree of Serjeant at Law, one of the Judges of the *Sheriff's Court* in London, and was knighted.
 1681 Anthony *Farrington*, Esq. another of the Benchers of the *Inner Temple*, who received a Writ to be a Serjeant at Law, Anno 1683 and afterwards was constituted one of his Majesty's Justices for the Counties of *Cardigan*, *Pembrok*, and *Carmarthen*, in the Principality of *Wales*, also a Justice of the Peace for this County, and for this Liberty of St. Albans.

The Names of the CHIEF BURGESSES of the Burrough of St Albans.

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| 1553 John <i>Lockey</i> | <i>James Carter</i> |
| <i>Thomas Johnson</i> | <i>Robert Gostwick</i> |
| <i>Henry Gape</i> | <i>Robert Shrimpton</i> |
| <i>John Nonney</i> | <i>Thomas Rockit</i> |
| <i>Robert Wanton</i> | <i>Richard Lockey</i> |
| <i>Thomas Moningham</i> | 1590 William <i>Fisher</i> |
| <i>James Ashford</i> | 1591 John <i>Porter</i> elected, and |
| <i>Richard Sharpe</i> | refusing to hold was |
| <i>John Sibley</i> | committed till he paid |
| <i>Ralph Dows</i> and John | his Fine |
| <i>Spencer</i> , the first Bur- | <i>W. Antrobus</i> chosen, and |
| gesses by Charter | refusing to hold was |
| <i>Randolf Done</i> | committed till he paid |
| <i>Gilbert Comport</i> | his Fine |
| <i>William Hudson</i> | <i>J. Halfhide</i> chosen, but |
| <i>Robert Woolley</i> | afterwards excused by |
| <i>Richard Grubb</i> | reason of his Poverty |
| <i>Richard Seale</i> | 1594 John <i>Moseley</i> |
| <i>John Gape</i> | <i>Ralph Gape</i> |
| <i>John Lawrence</i> | <i>Robert Woolley</i> |
| <i>William West</i> | <i>John Saunders</i> |
| <i>William Rolfe</i> | 1596 William <i>Wilson</i> |
| <i>John Grace</i> | 1597 William <i>Antrobus</i> |
| <i>John Clarke</i> | <i>John Oxton</i> |
| <i>John Goodridge</i> | 1598 William <i>Spencer</i> |
| <i>John Arnold</i> | 1601 John <i>Clarke</i> |
| <i>Thomas Woolley</i> | 1606 Richard <i>Gilmet</i> |
| <i>Francis Babb</i> | 1609 Robert <i>Gilmet</i> |
| <i>William Warren</i> | 1610 Robert <i>Shelton</i> |

1611 *Thomas Goddridge*
 1612 *Anthony Jackson*
Thomas Wells
 1614 *Michael Dixon*
 1621 *Simon Beckett*
William Humphry
 1624 *Ralph Pollard*
Ralph Pemberton
 1626 *Richard Ruth*
 1627 *William New*
Robert Ivory
 1628 *Henry Gape*
 1629 *Edward Eames*
 1631 *Gavin Crosefeld*

1632 *Thomas Oxton*
Thomas Crawley
 1645 *John King, Dr. in Phi.*
John Simpson
 1648 *William Marston*
 1649 *Ralph Gladman*
 1654 *John Gape*
 1655 *John New*
 1657 *Thomas Crawley, Jun.*
 1659 *Robert New*
 1663 *Ralph Pollard*
 1663 *William Rance*
William Wiseman.

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Catshoe.


ALDERMEN by the Charter dated 27th of July 1664 16 Car. II.

Robert New, Mayor
Robert Ivory
Edward Eames
Gavin Crosefeld
Thomas Oxton
Thomas Cowley, Sen.
William Marston
John Gape
John New
Thomas Cowley, Jun.
Ralph Pollard
William Wiseman

William Rance
 1665 *William Oxton*
Thomas Rotherham, Jun.
William Rugge
 1668 *Thomas Haward*
 1669 *John Docket*
 1673 *Thomas Ecclestone*
John New, Jun.
Stephen Adams
Thomas Crosefeld
John Setioke.

ALDERMEN by the Charter dated the 16th of March, Anno 1 Jac. II.

John Setioke, Mayor
Sir Francis Leigh
Sir Benjamin Tichbourn
Sir William Parkins
Sir Thomas Fotherley
Sir Charles Cleaver
Sir Robert Marham
Henry Gay
Thomas Halsey
James Willmot
Edward Seymour
John Withered, Esq.

John Gape
Thomas Cowley
Ralph Pollard
Thomas Ecclestone
William Marston
Stephen Adams and
Edward Seabroke, Gent.
 1687 *Thomas Crosefeld*
 1690 *Henry Dobbys*
Edward Horrel
Samuel Loft
John Tisdell

CHAMBERLAINS and CLERKS of the Papers.

Gilbert Stoughton
 1689 *Thomas Randall*

Conon Rawlin

TOWN CLERKS by Charter dated the 17th of Sept. 8 Car. I.

Conon Rawlin
 1648 *Thomas Richards*

1677 *Thomas Richards*

ASSISTANTS of the Burrough of St. Albans.

1686 *Thomas Cross*
John Kilbie
Thomas Facy
Richard Gray
Thomas Gilmet
William Spencer
John Smith
John Porter
John Casterton
Richard Chadesty
James Lockey
Richard Collet
Thomas Whitefeld

John Davis
William Marston
William Fisher
John Clarke
Thomas Robinson
John Harding
Thomas Camfeld
Hugh Gilbert
William Antrobus
Hugh Eliot
John Oxton
Thomas Brown
Richard Studesbury

*Hund, of
Catspoe.*



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| | <i>John Moseley</i> | <i>Gawine Craefield</i> |
| | <i>John Saunders</i> | <i>Anthony Jackson</i> |
| | <i>John Halfhide</i> | 1626 <i>Thomas Cowley</i> |
| | <i>William Pharee</i> | <i>John Shad</i> |
| 1589 | <i>Gilbert Wells</i> | 1627 <i>Jeremy Fitch</i> |
| 1590 | <i>Robert Palmer</i> | <i>Edward Ruth, Jun.</i> |
| | <i>Robert Wooley</i> | <i>Thomas Hale</i> |
| 1591 | <i>John Skinner</i> | <i>Richard Streets</i> |
| | <i>Robert Skelton</i> | 1628 <i>Christopher Arlan</i> |
| | <i>Ralph Gape</i> | <i>John Ruth</i> |
| 1594 | <i>Edward Potton</i> | 1629 <i>William Marston</i> |
| | <i>Ferdinand Fretheren</i> | <i>Fromaboe Done</i> |
| | <i>Barnaby Lawrence</i> | 1630 <i>Lionel Campion</i> |
| | <i>John Taylour</i> | 1631 <i>Walter Crawley</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Webster</i> | 1632 <i>John Medley</i> |
| | <i>John Long</i> | 1634 <i>Leonard Howe</i> |
| | <i>Michael Collet</i> | <i>John New</i> |
| | <i>William Rolfe, Jun.</i> | <i>William Walker</i> |
| 1597 | <i>Thomas Webster</i> | 1635 <i>John Mease</i> |
| | <i>Richard Gilmet</i> | <i>William Redwood</i> |
| 1598 | <i>Matthew Davy</i> | <i>Gilbert Selioke</i> |
| | <i>Thoms Cole</i> | 1637 <i>Ralph Pollard, Jun.</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Stoughton</i> | <i>Thomas Tanner</i> |
| | <i>John Munch</i> | 1640 <i>Jonathan Parker</i> |
| | <i>Hugh Spencer</i> | <i>Henry Godley</i> |
| 1599 | <i>Richard Denton</i> | <i>Nathaniel Esore</i> |
| | <i>John Lee</i> | 1642 <i>William Henchman</i> |
| 1601 | <i>Walter Antrobus</i> | 1645 <i>Robert Newe</i> |
| 1604 | <i>Anthony Jackson</i> | 1647 <i>John Browne</i> |
| | <i>William Heathcock</i> | <i>John Crofts</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Wells</i> | 1648 <i>Thomas Haward</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Harris</i> | <i>Robert Fletcher</i> |
| | <i>Andrew Coltman</i> | 1649 <i>William Stone</i> |
| | <i>Richard Winstanley</i> | <i>Thomas Woodward</i> |
| 1606 | <i>Thomas Gooddridge</i> | <i>Ralph Gladman</i> |
| 1607 | <i>George Crawley</i> | 1650 <i>Ralph Left</i> |
| 1608 | <i>John Binder</i> | 1651 <i>Richard Millard</i> |
| 1610 | <i>Canon Rawlin</i> | 1652 <i>Thomas Richards</i> |
| | <i>John Arnold</i> | <i>William Moore</i> |
| 1612 | <i>Leonard Wilkes</i> | 1654 <i>Soloman Smith</i> |
| | <i>John Street</i> | 1656 <i>Godfrey Schoofield</i> |
| | <i>William Humphry</i> | <i>Nicholas Cotchet</i> |
| | <i>Tristram Nash</i> | 1673 <i>Thomas Craefield</i> |
| | <i>Ralph Pollard</i> | 1676 <i>Walter Cowley</i> |
| 1613 | <i>Robert Bridges</i> | <i>William Morris</i> |
| | <i>George Shrimpton</i> | 1677 <i>John Seliock</i> |
| 1614 | <i>Richard Ruth</i> | <i>Henry Dobyns</i> |
| | <i>Henry Gape</i> | <i>Edward Horzel</i> |
| | <i>James Clarke</i> | <i>John Tisdal</i> |
| | <i>John Wells</i> | <i>Edward Seabrock</i> |
| | <i>William Hale</i> | <i>John Cowley</i> |
| 1618 | <i>Anthony Selioke</i> | <i>Thomas Holdham</i> |
| | <i>Pierce Thompson</i> | <i>John Burton, Jun.</i> |
| 1619 | <i>William New</i> | <i>Joseph Marsham</i> |
| 1621 | <i>Elizeus Axtel</i> | <i>William Stephens</i> |
| | <i>Roger Hunt</i> | <i>Thomas Jones</i> |
| | <i>Andrew Cock</i> | <i>John Halfhide</i> |
| 1622 | <i>Nicholas Cotchet</i> | <i>Richard Neal</i> |
| | <i>Thomas Lawrence</i> | <i>Walter Beach</i> |
| | <i>John Gape</i> | <i>Thomas King</i> |
| | <i>Blastus Goldey</i> | <i>Samuel Left</i> |
| | <i>Ralph Gladman</i> | <i>Thomas Grub</i> |
| 1624 | <i>William Hinzman</i> | <i>William Williamson</i> |
| | <i>Edward Eames</i> | <i>Robert Swainton</i> |
| 1625 | <i>Williamson Arnold</i> | 1679 <i>Ralph Gladman</i> |

Josiah Russel
John Streete
 1680 *John Edmonds*
 1681 *Henry Stephens*
 1682 *Ralph Marston*
Abel Rumford
Francis Halford
John Sheppeth
James Tristram
William Butler
 1684 *Nicholas Sparling*
 1685 *Zacheriah Reece*

James Bradbury
 1686 *Robert Hazles*
John Wilkinson
William Prentice
Robert Romford
John Sparling
 1689 *Robert Scot, Jun.*
Edward Wilson
John Edmonds
John Halsey
William James
William Howe

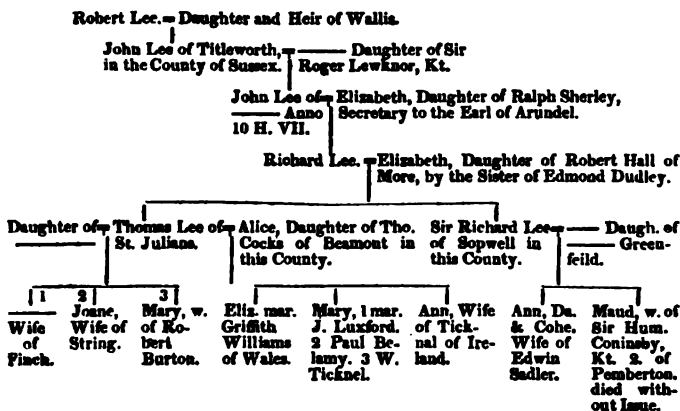
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Catshoe.

The Hospital of ST. JULIAN

JEOFFERY, the sixteenth Abbot of the Monastery of **St. Albans**, founded and erected the Hospital of **St. Julian**, by the Advice and Consent of the same Convent, near the Way that leads to **London**; and called divers miserable poor People together, provided for them, and gave a Maintenance to support them, which you may read among the Acts of that Abbot.

Matt. Paris de
Vita Abbatis.
fol. 57.

Upon the Dissolution of this Monastery this Hospital came to the Crown, from whence it was conveyed to **Thomas Lee**, whose Pedigree follows.



From which Family this Monastery came to **Everard Digby**, who was possest hereof, married **Alice** Daughter of **Fulbraham**, by whom he had Issue two Sons, **John Digby**, married to **Mary Zinzam** and **Thomas Digby**; and I suppose it was sold from one of this Family to

John Ellis, Esq. who was a Draper in **London**, fined for Alderman of that City, built a fair House here, and gave it to **Thomas** his second Son, who sold it to

Henry Killigrew, Esq. one of the Admirals of the Navy, An. 1683, and is the present Possessor hereof.

*Hand. of
Cuthber.*

*The Hospital of ST. MARY DE PREE, or
in the Meadow.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 97.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 347.*

GARINE, the twentieth Abbot of the Church of *St. Alban* and his Convent, in the Reign of *R. I.* gave to the sick Women of *St. Mary de Pree*, the Place wherein the Church was built, and divers other things, which you may read before among the Acts of that Abbot.

King John, by Charter dated the first of *May*, 5 *Regni sui*, for the Health of his Soul and the Souls of his Ancestors, and his Heirs, gave to God and the Church of *St. Mary de Pree*, and to the leprous and diseased Women, thirty Acres of the *Essart* in the Wood of *Esbrut*; to wit, twelve Acres near the *Essart* of *William* Son of *Alan*, on one Side of the Way which leads from *Hamelsted* to *St. Alban*; and twelve Acres on the other Side of that Way near the *Essart* of *Robert* Son of *Alan*, to have and to hold in free, pure, and perpetual Alms; who enjoyed it till the Dissolution of this Monastery, when it came to the Crown.

King H. VIII. by his Charter dated the 12th of *May*, *An. 32 Regni sui*, granted the Scite of this Priory to *Ralph Rowlet* the elder of *St. Albans*, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex* the next succeeding Year: He was shortly after knighted, and dyed leaving Issue

Ralph Rowlet, who was his Heir, was knighted afterwards, dyed seized hereof without Issue, whereupon it past to his two Sisters *Mary* and ——— who were his Coheirs; of whom I intend to treat in the Parish of *Sandridge*.

The Chappel of ST. GERMANS.

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Hert.
fol. 410.
Weav. Mon.
fol. 583.*

THE Pelagian Heresie, by the Means of *Agricola*, Son to the Bishop of *Sebetrianus*, prevailing much in this Island, and polluting the British Churches, *German* Bishop of *Auxerre*, and *Lupus* Bishop of *Trois*, were sent for hither out of *France* about the Year 429, to maintain the Truth; and they, especially *German* gained a reverend Esteem among the *Britains*, by refuting this Heresie; which induced them to dedicate many Churches to *German*; among whom *Ulpho* Prior of the Church of *St. Alban*, a Man of great Holiness, by the Permission of *Eadfrith* the fifth Abbot, built a famous Chappel near the ruin'd Walls of the City of *Verulam*, to the Honour of this Saint, in which Place he had openly preached God's Word out of the Pulpit, as the ancient Records of *St. Alban's* Church do testifie; which *German*, saith *Camden*, flourished in the time of *Constantine*, and commanded the Sepulcher of *St. Alban* to be opened, and laid certain Reliques of Saints in it, that whom one Heaven had received, should also be lodged together in one Sepulcher; which he notes by the Way, that you may ob-

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 39.*

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Hert.
fol. 410.*

serve and consider the Fashions of that Age ; and the Ruins of that Chappel were lately to be seen, when it was expos'd to a prophane Use; but Sir *Thomas Cotton* bought it about the Year 1687, and sold it to *Henry Killigrew*, Esq. who was one of the Admirals in the Fleet, 1693, and has since demolisht it.

*Head. of
Cainhor.*

The Mannor of NEWLAND SQUILLERS

WAS Parcel of the Revenue of the Church of *St. Albans*: Upon the Dissolution of that Monastery, it came to King *H. VIII.* who granted it to Sir *Richard at Lea* ; he held it of the King by the yearly Rent of 5*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* in the time of *Edw. VI.* it was conveyed to — *Grace*, a Citizen and Goldsmith of *London*, whose Daughter and Heir married *John Robotham* the Son of *Robert Robotham*, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Elizabeth*, *Grace*, and *Ann*.

John Robotham was his Heir, married, and had Issue, *Robert*, *William*, and *Elizabeth* ; whereof

Robert Robotham succeeded, was a Justice of the Peace for this County and the Liberty of *St. Albans* divers Years, during the Reign of King *Charles II.* King *James II.* King *William*, and Queen *Mary*, and is now the present Possessor hereof.

*The Mannor of BUTTERWICK in the Parish
of ST. PETERS*

WAS Parcel of the Possessions of the Monastery of *St. Albans*, which came to the Crown on the Dissolution of that Church ; from thence it was convey'd to *Anthony Denny*, Esq. who sold it to Sir *Richard Cox*, Master of the Household under Queen *Eliz.* King *James*, and King *Charles I.* from whom it descended to *John Cox*, his younger Brother, and from him it past to *Alban* the third Brother, who had Issue *John* and *Alban*, both whom died without Issue, *Thomas*, *John*, *Mary*, *Mary*, and *Anne*, which three Daughters died Virgins.

Thomas marryed *Elizabeth*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Thomas Cowley*, by whom he had Issue, three Sons, *Alban*, *John*, and *Thomas*, and six Daughters, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary*, *Susan*, *Martha*, and ——. Upon his Death, this Mannor came to *Alban*, who is his Heir, and the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannor of BEECH,

SO termed from *Godfride de Beech*, who obtained it by the Gift of *William* the Conqueror, afterwards it was given to the Church of *St. Albans*, came to the Crown upon the Dissolution, from whence it was granted to *Anthony Denny*, Esq. one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, in which

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 347.*

*Hund. of
Cainhoe.*

Name it remained until it was sold to *John Dell*, who gave it to *Anne* his Wife for her Life, the Remainder to *Joseph Dell*, who conveyed it to *John Dell* his elder Brother, and the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannor of SOPWELL.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 341.*

IN the time of *Jeoffery*, Abbot of the Church of *St. Alban*, and in the Year of the Incarnation of our Lord 1140, or thereabouts, two religious Women made a poor House by wradling of the Boughs of Trees with Rods, and covering it with Bark, near the Wood called *Stimood*, not far from the River; where they began to live with Fasting and Prayer, under a wonderful Abstinence, and happily continued their new Religion with irreproveable Chastity, afflicting their Bodies with Bread and Water: And when their laudable and unchangeable Behaviour for many Years was made known to Abbot *Jeoffery*, he, perswaded by the Oracle of God, built a Cell here, and commanded that convenient Houses should be erected for the Women, and appointed that they should be clothed with Vests after the Manner of Nuns, and should live there under the Order of *St. Benedict*; and he undertook by the Grace of God to build Houses for their Spirituals and Temporals; and by the Assistance of *Mary* the blessed Mother of God, to whom it was dedicated, he illustrated the neighbouring Parts with the sweet smell of their good Report: And the Abbot who was the Founder of this House gave certain Possessions and Rents to support their honest, though exiled Life. This memorable House was called *Sopwell* from a neighbouring Well near that Place, whence the former Women were wont to fetch Water to dress their Meat; moreover, the Abbot tender of the Credit and Safety of his Nuns, ordained that they should be inclosed in their House under Locks and Bolts, and the Seal of the Abbot for the time being; and that none should be taken into their Colledge, but a select and limited Number of Virgins: He gave to them a Churchyard, which he caused to be dedicated, and appointed that none but those of the Nunnery should be buried there.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 58.*

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 384.*

Henry of *Albin*, and the Lady *Cicely* his Wife, gave two Hides of Land in the Mannor of *Cotres* to *St. Mary*, and the House near *St. Alban*, which *Roger* his solitary Brother formerly repaired for the Use of that Church, and those Handmaids and Servants of God, and their Successors, who devoutly worshipped him there; and ordained that they should take from the Wood of the said Mannor, Necessaries for their House, their Fire, and their Enclosure. This Gift was made for the Soul of King *William*, who subdued *England*, and his Sons; and for our Fathers and Mothers, and their Sons and Daughters, and for their own Sons, which God now hath, and shall give to them.

When *Robert* of *Albin* and *Cicely* his Mother placed *Amy*, a little Maid, Sister of *Robert*, and Daughter of *Cicely*, in this Cell, to serve God continually there, they gave with her to God, and the Holy *Mary*, and the Maidens of *Christ* in this Cell, one Virgate of Land in *Cotes*, which *Salid* held.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 384*

Richard de Tany granted to *St. Mary*, and the Nuns of *Septwell*, all his Land, which *Robert Niger* held in the Soke of *Udehang* called *Blackhide*, in pure, perpetual, and free Alms, to hold quit from all Services, Customs, and Exactions.

Ibid.

At the Suppression of this House, *Weaver* saith it was valued at no more than 68*l.* 8*s.* per Annum; but *Sir William Dugdale* says, no more than 40*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* per Annum.

*Weav. Mon.
fol. 583.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol.
1041.*

Upon the Dissolution King *Henry VIII.* granted it to *Sir Richard a Leigh*, Knight, who married the Daughter of *Greenfield*, by whom he had Issue, two Daughters, *Anne* and *Mary*, who were his Coheirs: He bore *Per Chevron Or and Gules, in Chief two Lyons combatant Sable.*

This Monastery came to *Anne Leigh* the eldest Sister, who married *Edward Sadler*, the second Son of *Sir Ralph Sadler* of *Standon* in this County, Kt. and Bart. by whom he had Issue four Sons, *Leigh*, *Richard*, *Edward*, and *Thomas*; he died the 4th of *April*, Anno 25 of *Elizabeth*; but this Seat with all the Land belonging to it was settled on

Richard the second Son, who married *Joyce* Daughter of *Robert Honiwood* of *Charing* in the County of *Kent*, Esq. by whom he had Issue several Children, *Robert*, *Mary*, *Raphaell*, *Richard*, *Dorothy*, *Margaret*, *Thomas*, *Edward*, *Blount*, and *Henry*.

Robert Sadler succeeded, was a Captain in the Militia for this County, and a Justice of the Peace for the Liberty of *St. Albans*; he died seized hereof, and left

Helen, who was his sole Daughter and Heir, and married *Thomas Saunders* of *Betch-wood* in the Parish of *flamsted* in this County, Esq. by whom he had Issue, *Thomas*, *Robert*, *Helen*, *John*, *Anne*, and *Helen*; all of them, saving *Anne*, dyed in their Infancy: He sold this Monastery to

Sir Harbottle Grimston, Baronet, Master of the Rolls in *Chancery*, and upon his Decease, it descended to *Sir Samuel Grimstone*, Bart. who was his Heir, and is the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannors of WELDRANDOLFES and NEWBERRIES.

THE Mannor-house is ancient, well scituated, compassed with a Mote, having a Park adjoyning to it, at the Centre of four Parishes, *St. Peters* in *St. Albans*, *St. Stephens*, *Adenham*, and *Widge*, and some of the Demeasne Lands lie

*Hund. of
Caistor.*

in *Spenley*; which Parish Church lying nearest to *Weldhall*, the Family usually resorts thither to pay their Devotions to God in Respect of their Distance from *St. Peters*, which is their proper Parish; therefore I have placed these Mannors here.

John Somersham of *Asham*, Lord of *Cornew* in the County of *Suffolk*, possest them in the seventh Year of *Edw. III.* For I find that *John Fally* was his Bailiff at that time, and *Walter Attehad*, An. 18th of the same King; and that both these Bailiffs accounted to him for the Profits of these Mannors in those Years: He had Issue only Daughters, whereof

Margaret married *William Ash*, who thereby became possest of these Mannors in her Right. He had by her only one Daughter called

Elizabeth, who was his Heir, and married *Thomas Frowick* of *Wolcott*; he enjoyed them in the time of *H. V.* and he had Issue by her

Henry Frowick, who was their Heir, and married *Ellenor* Daughter of *Thomas Throckmorton* of *Coughton* in the County of *Warwick*, by whom he had Issue

Thomas Frowick of the *fold*, to whom these Mannors descended: He married *Joan* the Daughter and Coheir of *Sir Thomas Leuknor* in *Sussex*, by whom he had

Henry Frowick, who succeeded his Father, and married *Anne* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Robert Knowles* Lord of the Mannor of *Northmans*; from whom these, with the Mannors of *Northmans*, descended to

Elizabeth their sole Daughter and Heir, who married *John Coningsby*, the third Son of *Sir Humphry Coningsby*, who was Lord Chief Justice of the *King's Bench*, in the Reign of King *H. VIII.* He possessed these Mannors, and was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, the 38th of the same King; upon his Death

Henry Coningsby was his Heir, succeeded him, and was constituted Sheriff of this County, 1569, 11 *Eliz.* and in the Year 1582, 24 *Eliz.* was knighted, and married *Elizabeth*, Daughter of *Sir John Boteler* of *Wotton Woodhall* in this County, Kt. by whom he had Issue, *Ralph*, *Philip*, and *Henry*, and died seized of these Mannors, leaving

Ralph Coningsby his Heir, who was constituted Sheriff of this County Anno 1596, 38 *Eliz.* afterwards knighted, and married *Margery* Daughter of *Whetle* alias *Whethill*, of the Town of *Calais*, by whom he had Issue *Francis* and *Thomas*; and after her Decease, he married *Jane* Daughter of *Sir John Lamme*, and Relict of *William Button* of *Alton* in the County of *Warwick*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *Robert*.

Francis Coningsby was his Heir, succeeded him, was knighted, and married the Daughter of the Lord *North*; but dying without Issue these Mannors came to

Thomas Coningsby, who was his second Brother and Heir; married *Martha*, Daughter of *William Button* of *Alton* in the County of *Bedfords*. Esq. by whom he had Issue, *Henry, Jane, Jane* married to *Ellis Hicks*, Esq. *Martha, Elizabeth, Bridget, Mary, Margery, Theophania, Susannah, Dorothy*: He was elected Sheriff of this County, Anno 1637, 13 Car. I. shortly after great Dissentions arising between the King and his Parliament, which put the Nation into a great Ferment, the King being then at *Reading* in *Berkshire*, sent a Commission to him to be High Sheriff again of this County, with the Letter here inserted.

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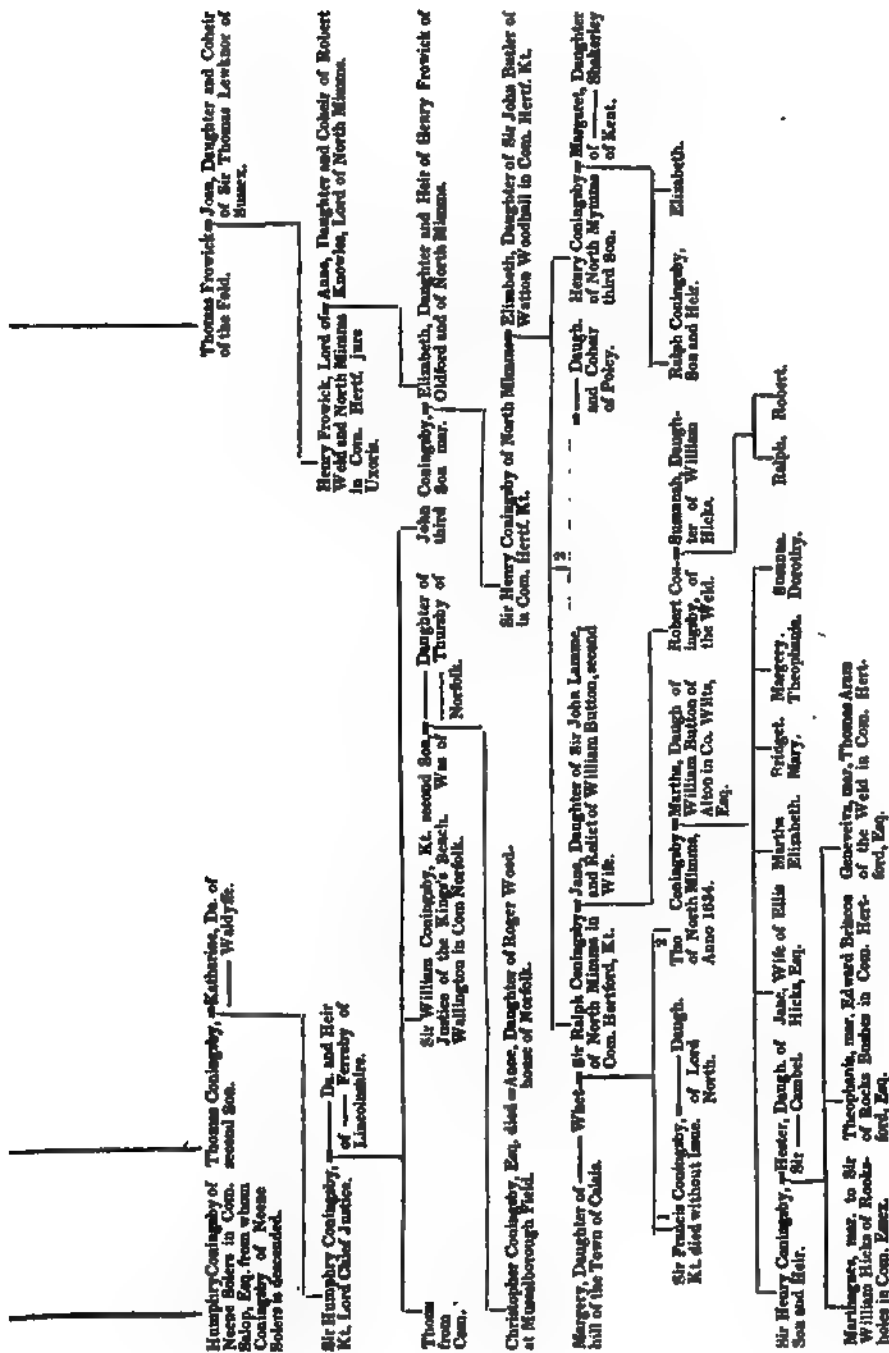
Charles Rex,

TRUSTY and well-beloved, we greet you well, and do hereby give you our assurance, that although we have at present made choice of you to be our High Sheriff of our County of *Hertford*, we have done it out of no other respect than as a mark and testimony of our Favour and Confidence of the utmost of your Service in these times, wherein we intend to employ Persons of the greatest integrity, and known affection to us, and the good of our Kingdom: of which you have formerly given sufficient testimony: And although it may bring upon you great expence and trouble, yet we are confident you will not value it in regard of our Service, and the good of that our County, which shall not be forgotten by us on all occasions. So we bid you heartily Farewell.

From our Court at *Reading*,
this 11th of November, 1642.

Soon after this Letter, Mr. *Coningsby* received a Writ and Proclamation from *Oxford*, which declared the Earl of *Essex* and his Adherents Traytors, and authorized him to array the County for the King's Service: He executed his Writ at *St. Albans*, where *Oliver Cromwell* took him Prisoner for executing the Commission of Array, plundered his House, seized his Estate, carryed him to the *Tower*, and kept him a Prisoner there for many Years.

Harry Coningsby succeeded him, and married *Hester*, Daughter of Sir *James Cambell*, by whom he had Issue *Marthagnes*, who married Sir *William Hicks* of *Rooboles* in the County of *Essex*; *Theophania* the Wife of *Edward Briscoe* of *Rooboles* in this County, Esq. and *Geneveiva*, who espoused *Thomas Aram* of *Grays Inn*, Esq. to whom he conveyed these Mannors, and made him the present Lord of them.



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Cathes.*



The Mannor of KINGSBERRY.

*Specim. Coun-
cil.*

SO termed from the Saxon Kings, who were the ancient Possessors hereof, and often resided and kept their Court there, among whom *Bertulph*, King of the *Mertians*, celebrated a parliamentary Council there on *Friday* after *Easter*, in the Year of *Christ* 851, where King *Bertulph* himself, *Ceolnoth* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *Swithulph* Bishop of *London*, *Swithen* Bishop of *Winchester*, *Easten* Bishop of *Shireburn*, *Orkenwald* Bishop of *Lichfield*, *Retham* Bishop of *Leicester*, *Goodwin* Bishop of *Rochester*, *Wulfard* Abbot of *Eberham*, *Libing* Abbot of *Winchelcomb*, *Hedda* Abbot of *Stephamsted*, Duke *Ernulph*, Duke *Ofrith*, Earl *Serto*, Earl *Elber*, Earl *Huda*, and *Oflat*. Cupbearer to King *Ethelwolph* and Legate to the Pope, were present, and treated as well of the great and public Affairs of the Kingdom, as of the Bounds and Marshes belonging to the Monastery of *Cropland*, which King *Bertulph* granted and solemnly confirmed there.

There was a stately Pallace that belonged to the Castle of *Kingsberry*, scituated at the West End of the Town of *St. Albans*, where the Saxon Kings delighted much, and their Nobles and Officers so often resorted thither that they became a great Burden and Charge to the Abbot and Monks of *St. Albans*, which induced them to purchase it; and after they had made many Addresses to the King for it, *Alfric*, who had been Chancellor to King *Etheldred*, whilst he was a Secular, prevailed with the King to sell to them all the royal Mannor of *Kingsberry*, with the Parks and Woods belonging to it, excepting one small Fortress near the Monastery, which the King would not suffer to be demolisht, that the Marks of his royal House might not be forgotten; and the Abbot and Monks bought and enjoyed it till the time of the Dissolution, when it returned to the Crown; from thence it was conveyed to *John Cox*, from him it descended to *Thomas Cox*, his Son, who had Issue *Richard Cox*, who was knighted: His Arms were *Or*, three Barrs *Azure* on a Canton *Argent*, a *Lyon's Head* couped *Gules*; Crest on a Wreath, a *Goat's Head* erased *Sable* attired and eared *Or*, struck through with a broken Arrow *Gold*. He sold it in the time of King *James I.* to

Sir Francis Bacon, Viscount *Verulam*, Keeper of the Broad Seal of *England*; but when the Seal was taken from him, and he retired from the Court, he conveyed it to *Sir Thomas Meautys*, from whom it past in the same Manner as the Mannor of *Crotham* did to *Sir Samuel Grimston*, Bart. to which I refer the Reader.

*The Mannor of GORHAM BURY.**Hund. of
Cathet.*

THIS Mannor was Paroel of the ancient Revenue of the Church of *St. Albans*, and in all Probability was so termed from *Robert de Gorham*, who was elected Abbot of this Monastery Anno 1151, 16 Sept. and the Abbots held it until the Dissolution of that Church, when it came to the Crown.

King *Henry VIII.* by Charter dated the 12th of *May*, 32 *Regni sui*, granted the Mannors of *Gorham*, *Sanderidge*, *Netoham*, *Caldecot*, *Radwell*, *Westwot*, *Apsa*, and the Priory of the *Bury* to

Ralph Rowlet, Esq. who was afterwards knighted: His Arms were *Gules, on a Cheveron between two Couple of Dases Argent three Lyons rampant of the Field*; and I guess he conveyed it to

Sir Nicholas Bacon, Kt. who was descended from an ancient Family in the County of *Suffolk*, educated in *Corpus Christi Colledge* in *Cambridge*, removed thence to *Gray's Inn*, where he apply'd himself to the Study of the Common Law, was made Attorney of the Court of Wards Anno 38 *H. VIII.* and his Patent for that Office was renew'd 1 *Edw. VI.* He was constituted Treasurer of *Gray's Inn*, Anno 6 *Edw. VI.* and was thence advanced to be Keeper of the great Seal in the Year 1558, 1 *Eliz.* He married ——— the Daughter of ———, by whom he had Issue three Sons, *Sir Edmund Bacon* of *Redgrave* in the County of *Suffolk*, Bart. who was his Heir ——— And after her Decease, he married *Anne*, second Daughter to *Sir Anthony Cook* of *Eden-hall* in the County of *Essex*, Governess to *King Edw. VI.* a choice Lady, eminent for Piety, Vertue, and Learning, exquisitely skilled for a Woman, in the Greek and Latin Tongues; by whom he had Issue two Sons, *Anthony* and *Francis*: He was a Man of great Learning, rare Wit, and deep Experience; continued Lord Keeper about twenty Years, during which time this Office was made equal in Authority with the Chancellor; but towards his latter End he grew so corpulent in Body that it was very troublesome to him to walk from *Westminster-hall* to the *Star Chamber*, insomuch that when he sat down in his Place, it was not usual in those Days for any Lawyer to speak in that Court till the Lord Keeper gave the Signal with his Staff: He was a good Man, and a grave Statesman, one who preferred true Honesty before an Estate ill-gotten, and delighted in a House suitable to his Estate; for when Queen *Eliz.* came hither and told him, my Lord, your House is too little for you: He wittily reply'd, No Madam, but 'tis your Highness hath made me too great for my House. He chose for

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Catesby.*

his Motto *Mediocria firma*, and made it the Rule of his Practice, and died on the 20th of *February*, 1579, 21 *Eliz.* and was buried in the Quire of *St. Paul, London.*

This pleasant Seat he conveyed to *Anthony* his eldest Son, by his second Venter, who was very eminent for his Wit; but dying in the Prime of his Years without Issue, it descended to

Francis his Brother, whom he entirely loved, they two being all the male Issue of their Mother; this *Francis* was the Glory of his Age and Nation, whose primary Years past not away without some Mark of Eminency, and the Pregnancy of his Wit presaged that deep and universal Apprehension, which made him known to several Persons of great Honour and Place, especially to the Queen, who, saith my Author, delighted much to confer with him, to prove him with Questions; and asking him, then a Youth, how old he was? He answered with much Discretion, that he was two Years younger than her Majesty's happy Reign; when he was grown fit for the University, his Father placed him in *Trinity Colledge* in *Cambridge*, under the Tuition of *Dr. John Whitgift*, then Master of the Colledge, and afterwards Archbishop of *Canterbury*, where he greatly improved his time in the Study of Philosophy and the liberal Arts, then he was sent into *France* with *Sir Amyas Paulet* her Majesty's Legier Ambassador, who entrusted him with a Message to the Queen, which he performed with great Approbation; after that returned again with an Intention to continue there for some Years, but the Lord Keeper dying in the meanwhile, and his Maintenance growing very short, he return'd home and apply'd himself to the Study of the Common Law in *Gray's Inn*, where he was highly valued for his great Abilities, chosen Reader at his Age of twenty eight, *Anno* 1588, 30 *Eliz.* which he performed with much Applause; made one of the Clerks of the Privy Council *Anno* 1590, 32 *Eliz.* was double Reader in the same Society *Anno* 1600, 42 *Eliz.* was knighted at *Whitehall*, *July* 23, 1603, 1 *Jac.* I. was made one of the King's Council learned in the Law extraordinary by Patent dated 1604, 2 *James I.* in which an annual Fee of 40*l.* was granted to him, a Favour not known before; was constituted his Majesty's Solicitor General *Anno* 1607, 5 *James I.* was joyned in Commission with *Sir Thomas Vavasor*, 1611, 9 *James I.* then Knight-Marshal of the Knight-Marshal's Court, newly erected within the Virge of the King's House; was made Attorney General and sworn of the Privy Council, 27 *October* 1613, 11 *James I.* and when he attained to the Age of fifty-four Years, was advanced to be Lord Keeper of the Great Seal on the 7th of *March*, 1616, 14 *James I.* when the King admonished him that he should seal nothing rashly, judge uprightly, and

Origin. Jurid.
fol. 295.

Pat. 33 Eliz.
Origin. Jurid.
fol. 295.
MS. in Offic.
Armor.

Pat. 3 Jac. I.

Pat. 5 Jac. I.

Pat. 9 Jac. I.

Bar. of Engl.
vol. 2, fol. 438.

not extend the royal Prerogative too high: He was made Lord Chancellor of England on the fourth of Jan. 1618, 16 James I. created Lord *Verulam* on the 11th of June following, and advanced to the Dignity of Viscount *St. Alban*, on the 27th of January, 1620, 18 James I. his solemn Investiture being then performed at *Chesham* in this County, where the Lord *Carew* carried his Robe before him, and the Lord *Wentworth* his Coronet. But soon after he was charged with Corruption in the Performance of that great Office of Chancellor, when it was generally believed that his Servants were most guilty, and his Fault was only Negligence in not examining the Extortion of his Servants; this caused him to say when he saw his Servants rise from their Seats as he once passed thro' the Hall when they were at Dinner, *Sit you down, my Masters, Sit you down, your Rise is my Fall*; and soon after the Great Seal was taken from him, in Lent, 18 James I. and delivered to the Custody of *Henry* Viscount *Mandevile*, then President of the Council, and other Lords Commissioners. He married *Alice* one of the Daughters and Coheirs to *Benedict Barham*, Alderman of London, with whom he had a fair Fortune, but no Children to perpetuate his Memory; however his learned Works being composed for the most Part in the five last Years of his Life, will preserve it to Posterity. He visited the Earl of *Arundel* at his House in *Highgate* near London, and died there about a Week after, on *Easter Day*, being the ninth of April, Anno 1626, 2 Car. I. in the sixty sixth Year of his Age, and was buried in the North Side of the Chancel in *St. Michael's Church* in *St. Albans*, according to the Directions of his Will, because the Body of his Mother lay interred there, and that it was the only Church remaining in the Precinct of *Old Verulam*, where he hath a Monument of white Marble representing his full Body in a contemplative Posture sitting in a Chair, erected by Sir *Thomas Meautys*, Kt. who was formerly his Lordship's Secretary, afterwards Clerk of the Privy Council under two Kings, succeeded his noble Lord and Patron in this Mannor-house of *Chesham*, and held it sometime, then it past to

Sir *Thomas Meautys*, who was his Cousin and next Heir, married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Nathaniel Bacon* of *Culford Hall* in the County of *Suffolk*, Knight, and gave this Mannor to her for Life, the Remainder to his Heirs, and died leaving his Wife surviving. She married Sir *Harbottle Grimston*, Baronet, and shortly after *Jane* her Daughter dying about the Age of ten or eleven Years, the Reversion of it descended (as I have been informed) to *Hercules Meautys*, the Son of the Brother of Sir *Thomas Meautys*, who sold all his Right and Estate herein to

Sir *Harbottle Grimston*, Baronet, Son and Heir of Sir

*Hand of
Catesby.*

Pat. 16 Jac. I.

Pat. 18 Jac. I.
Bar. of Engl.
vol. 2, fol. 438.

Origin. Jurid.
fol. 102.

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Cathol.*

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*Hund. of
Calchot.*

The Mannor of WINDERIDGE.

WAS in the Possession of *Godfride de Bech* in the time of *William the Conqueror*, whereof he held part of the Abbot of *St. Albans*, and the other Part, I suppose, in his own Right, as it appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded in these Words:

In Banais Hundred. in Winderige ten. Godfridus de Bech un. hid. et dimid. de Abbate Terr est duo car. in Dominio una et quing; Villi cum duobus Bord. habentibus unam carucatum, Pastura ad pec. Silva trescent porcis, valet quadragint. sol. Quando recepit quadragint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quinquagint. sol. Hunc terram tenuit Osbertus Monachus et Godling homo ejus, non potuerunt separare ab Ecclesia, ut Hundred. testatur.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135, nu. 10.*

In Banais Hundred. Godfridus de Bech in Winderige et Radulph, de eo tenuit unam hidam et dimid. Terra est duo car. ibi est una, et altera potest feri, ibi tres Bord. Silva trescent porc. pastura ad pec. hanc terram valet et valet vigint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quinquagint. sol. hanc terram tenuit Ailmer homo Com. Levini et vendere potuit.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, nu. 34.*

Godfray de Bech held one Hide and an half of the Abbot of *St. Albans* in *Winderige* in *Banais Hundred*. The arable is two ploughed Lands, in Demeasne one, and five Villains with two Bordars having one ploughed Land; Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed three hundred Hogs; 'tis worth forty Shillings by the Year, when he received it forty Shillings a Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifty Shillings a Year. *Osbert* a Monk, and *Godling* a Man (under his Protection) held this Land, and they could not separate it from the Church, as the Hundred can witness.

Godfray de Bech and *Ralph* held of him one Hide and an half in *Winderige* in *Banais Hundred*. The arable is two ploughed Lands, there is one, and another may be made, there are three Bordars, Wood to feed three Hundred Hogs, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, this Land is worth, and was worth twenty Shillings by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifty Shillings by the Year. *Ailmer*, a Man (under the Protection) of *Karl Lewin* held this Land and might sell it.

This Hamlet was denominated from the Ridge of the Hill whereon it is scituated, and at the time of making this Record was part of *Banais Hundred*, now called *Dagorum Hundred*; but I guess it was laid to the Hundred of *Calchot* when it was made a Liberty, and Jurisdiction was granted to the Abbot over the same.

Anno 30 Edw. III. I find this Mannor was in the Possession of *Joane Pyrrat*, and after her Decease it past to *John Peacock*, who held it on the ninth of *December*, *An. 15 Edw. III.*

In the time of *H. VI.* it was in the Possession of *John Fortescue*, from whom it descended to

Henry Fortescue, Esq. who was his Son and Heir, and of full Age at the Death of his Father; he sold it to

Henry Cock, Esq. who enjoyed it *Anno 3 H. VIII.* and it descended from him to

Philippa, who was his Daughter and Heir, married Sir

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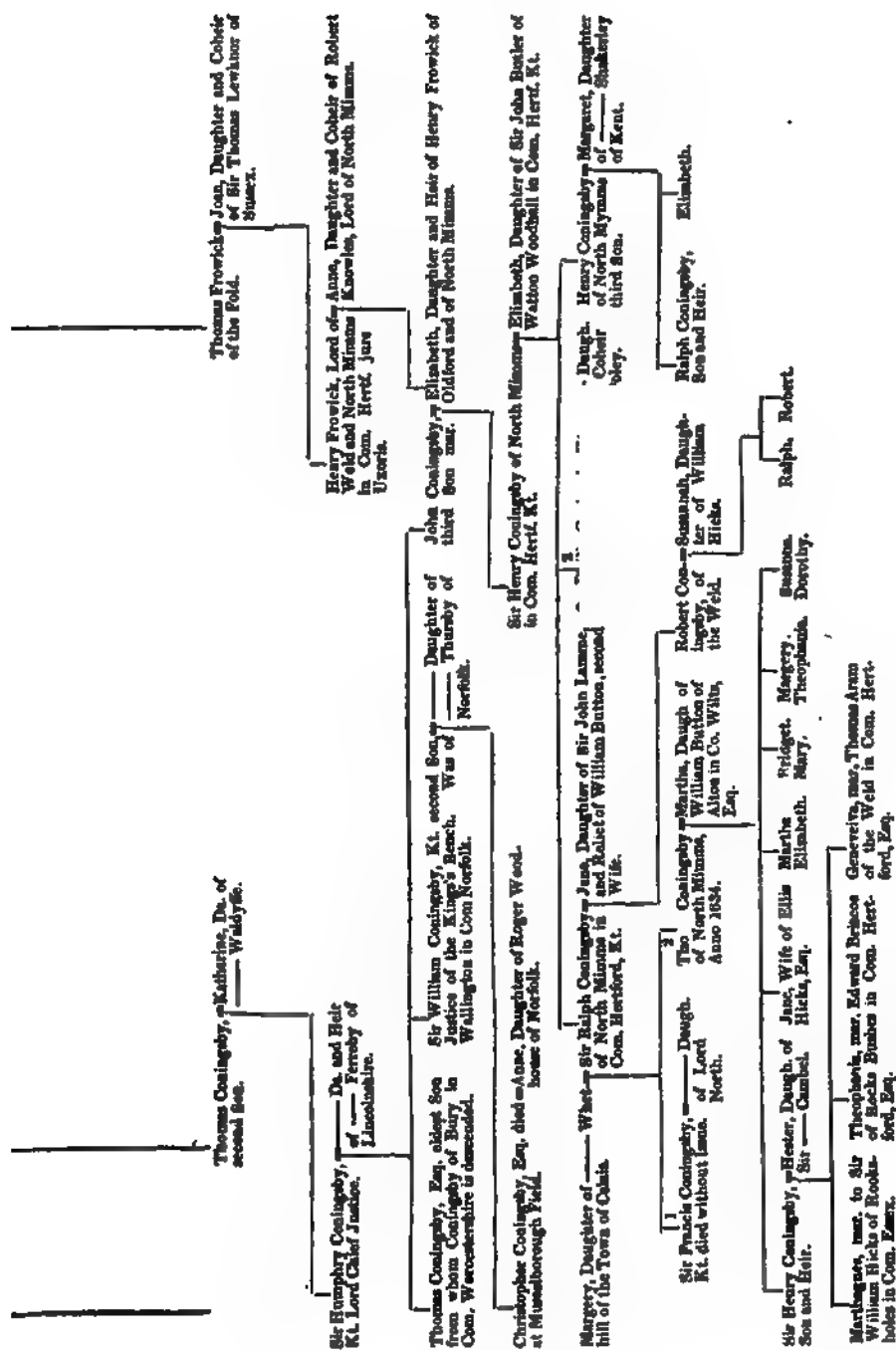
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Francis Bryan, who held it in her Right for the Term of her Life, and after her Decease it past to

Thomas Law, Gent. from whose Family I guess it came to the Crown, where it remained till King *James I.* conveyed it *An. 12 Regni sui*, to

John Crosby, Esq. who married *Mary* Daughter of *Robert Halsey* of Great Graden, Esq. He conveyed it to *Mary* his Wife, for her Life, but dying without Issue, and she surviving, held it, and married *Robert Bertie*, one of the younger Sons of *Robert* Earl of *Lindsey*, and upon her Decease it came to

Edward Crosby, who was Brother and Heir to *John Crosby*: He enjoyed it a small time and then sold it to

Sir Harbottle Grimston, Bart. and Master of the Rolls in *Chancery*, from whom it descended to

Sir Samuel Grimston, Bart. who was his only Son and Heir, and is the present Lord hereof.

John Churchill, Earl of *Marlborough*, has built for his own Habitation a fair House at the West End of this Burrough, near the River, where he has a fair Garden, through which passeth a Stream in which he keeps Trouts and other Fish for the Convenience of his Table: He was created Baron *Churchil* of *Sumouth* in *Scotland*, by Letters Patent dated *Dec. 1682*, *34 Car. II.* Baron *Churchil* of *Sandridge* in this County by Letters Patent dated *14 May, 1685*, *1 Jac. II.* and Earl of *Marlborough* the *9th of April, 1689*, *1 William and Mary.* He bears *Sable, a Lion rampant Argent, on a Canton of the second St. George's Cross*; which Canton is an Augmentation.

*Dale's Cat. of
Vol. p. 82, 83.*

The Names of those Noble Persons that have derived their Honours from this Town.

FRANCIS Bacon, Lord *Verulam*, and Lord Chancellor of *England*, was created Viscount *St. Albans*, on the *18th Day of January, 1620.* He gave for his Arms *Gules, on a Chief Argent two Mullets Sable, a Crescent for Difference.*

2 Richard de Burgh, Earl of *Clanricbard* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was created Earl of *St. Albans*, *23rd Aug. 1628.* He gave for his Arms *Or, a Cross Gules, in the dexter Canton a Lyon rampant Sable.*

3 Ulick de Burgh, Earl of *St. Albans* and *Clanricbard*, dyed *1657*, without Issue, and gave the same Arms.

4 Henry Jermin, Baron of *St. Edmunds Burg*, Lord Chamberlain to his Majesty's Household, was created Earl of *St. Albans* by Patent dated the *11th of May, 1671.* He gave for his Arms *Sable, a Crescent between two Mullets in Pale Argent.*

Ibid. p. 20.

5 Charles Beauclaire was created *27th Dec. 1676*, *38 Car. II.* Baron of *Heddington*; Earl of *Burford*, and Duke

St. Albans, by Patent dated the 10th of Jan. 1683, 35 Car. II. He gave for his Arms, *The Royal Arms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with a Baston Sinister Gules, charged with three Roses Argent, seeded and barbed Proper.*

*Hand of
Caishe.*



This Town was famous for the Birth of three eminent Persons.

1 Sir *John Mandeville*, born here to a fair Estate, attained to a great Perfection in the Study of Physick, then travell'd for thirty-four Years together, till at last returning Home, he, like *Uliesses*, was quite grown out of the Knowledge of his Friends. He wrote his own Itinerary through *Africa*, the East and North Part of *Asia*; and the Variety of Wonders caused some Suspicion of the Truth of his Relations; but all things that seem improbable are not impossible, and the Ignorance of the Reader does oftentimes weaken the Truth of the Author; but his Writings have proved of that great Value in foreign Parts, that they contend as well for his Burial as his Birth, and say he died 1372, and was buried in the Convent of the *Williamites* at *Leige* in *Germany*, but others affirm he was buried in this Town.

To him I shall add two others, famous for their Learning in this last Age.

Sir *John King* descended by the Father's Side from Monsieur *du Roy alias King*, the French Resident in England, about the Beginning of the Reign of King *James I.* and by his Mother from the ancient Family of the *Roberts* at *Wotton* in *Middlesex*; from whom he derived the Principles of Ingenuity and Goodness. He was admitted into *Queen's Colledge* in *Cambridge*, in the Year 1655, where Mr. *Samuel Jacomb* was his Tutor; Dr. *Zachary Cradock*, Dr. *Simon Patrick*, (two eminent Divines) and Dr. *Walter Needham* (a learned Physitian) were his most intimate Acquaintance; by whose Conversation, and indefatigable Industry in searching the Depths of ancient and modern Learning, he improved his admirable Parts and rare Endowments of Nature into a *Prodigy* of Learning. When he commenc'd Batchelor of Art, his Parents obliged him to study the Law, though his Inclination was for Divinity; yet like a dutiful Son, he followed the Advice of his Parents, and was admitted in *November*, 1660, into the *Inner Temple*, where he spent seven Years in the Study of the Common Law; and within short time after was called to the Bar: He became a great Practitioner there, was made Solicitor General to the Duke of *Bork*, constituted Council in Ordinary to King *Charles II.* who knighted him *Decemb.* 10, 1674, and delighted (as he was wont to say) to hear Sir *John King* plead at the Council-board; which King was esteem'd

*Hand. of
Catcher.*

by all that knew him, to be a great Judge of English Wit and Sense. As to the Conduct and Care of his Clients, the great Lord Chancellor *Finch* declared, he had hardly ever known his Equal: And the Lord Chancellor *Shaftsbury*, designing a Regulation of the *Chancery*, chose him out of a select Number of learned Men in the Law for that Purpose, who met at his House, and made a great Progress therein, though time allowed them not the Liberty to effect the same. He continued his learned and eloquent Pleadings (which were the instructive Entertainment, as well as Admiration of all that heard him) till a Fever seized on him at the *Chancery* Bar. He ordered his Clerks to return all his Breviates and Fees to his Clients, and so retired to his House in *Salisbury Court*, where he took his Bed, and in full Strength of Mind, made his last Will, and declared that he died in the Communion of the Church of *England*, professing the Christian Faith, as it is set forth in her Articles and Homilies; after this he resign'd his Soul to his Maker with all Quietness and Patience, on the 29th of *June*, 1677, whilst he was in the Arms of his near Kinsman and dear Friend Mr. *Robert Wolley*, a Merchant in *London*, who married his only Sister of the whole Blood, and had the Honour of a great and intimate Acquaintance with him. He lived thirty eight Years, four Months, and twenty four Days; and his Body was interred on the fourth of *July*, in the *Temple Church*; where the Right Honourable *Heneage Finch*, Lord *Babington*, Lord High Chancellor of *England*, Sir *Harbottle Grimstone*, Baronet, Master of the Rolls, the Judges and Barons of the King's Courts at *Westminster*, the Serjeants at Law, the Benchers, Barresters, and Students of the *Inner Temple* attended his Corps to the Vault. Dr. *Cradock* was desired to make his funeral Oration, which he declined at the first in Regard of his extraordinary Respect and Friendship with him: however he accepted the Office afterwards and demonstrated to his Auditory, that as he neither could nor would be guilty of Flattery in the Praise of his Friend, so Sir *John King* deserved the Tongue of an Angel to describe his true and real Worth.

St. Albans had the Honour of his Birth, *Eaton* laid the Foundation of his School Learning, *Queen's Colledge* advanced him in the University Studies, and the *Inner Temple* compleated him in those of the Law: The *Temple Church* is the Repository of what is left of him that is mortal, and is grac'd with an *Épitaph*, which tho' much to his Honor, yet comes far short of his Merit.

Hund. of
Catsheer.

M. S.

Elogium ut in Æde Templorum Marmore albo insculpit.

Hic juxta jacet

Johannes King, Miles.

*Serenissimo Carolo II. Regi in Legibus Angliæ Consultus.
Illustrissimo Jacobo Duci Eboracensi Solicitator Generalis,
Et Interioris Templi Socius.*

Qualis Quantusve sis Lector

Profundum obstupesce

Labia digitis comprime,

Oculos lachrymis suffunde,

En! ad pedes tuos.

Artis et Naturæ suprema conamina,

Fatorum ludibria

non ita pridem.

Erat iste pulvis, omnisfarium Doctus

Musarium Gazophylacium

Eloquentiam calluit claram, puram, innocuam

Legibus suæ patriæ instructissimus

Suis charus, Principibus gratus, omnibus urbanus

Amicus veris

Seculi ornamentum illustre, desiderium irreparabile

Hinc disce Lector

Quantillum Mortalis Gloriæ animæ

Splendidissimus decoratæ dotibus, obtingit

Dulcem soporem agite

Dilecti, eruditi, beati cineres.

Obiit xxix. Junii Anno Domini MDCLXXVII. Annoq; Ætatis suæ xxxviii.

{ Sic
transit
Gloria
Mundi }

His Soul was great, which seemed as it were mismatcht with too slender a Constitution of Body, his sublime Faculties were too brisk and operative to be long confined within so brittle a Tenement, therefore we may think they made earlier Preparations for a Flight to more lasting Habitations. His Memory was wonderful, also his Reading (besides that of his Profession) in History, Philosophy, Poetry, and the Languages, ancient and modern; but especially in the sacred Writings, and among these the Gospels, and Epistles of St. John; insomuch that some judicious Persons believed, that if he had lived, the Followers of Socinus might have expected the severest Confutation from his Pen. In a Word, as to his Intellectuals, he was Master of all useful and polite Learning; as to his Morals, he was assiduous in his Devotion to his Maker, and in a more eminent Manner obedient to his Parents; for which we may presume that God conferr'd upon him the Blessing promis'd unto those who observed the fifth Commandment: For tho' he seem'd to die young, yet, as his learned Orator observed, by a pertinent Application to that Text in *Wisdom: Honourable Age is not that which standeth in Length of time, nor that is measured by Number of Years, but Wisdom is the grey Hair unto Men, and an unspeckled Life is old Age.*

*Wisdom iv.
8, 9*

Hund. of
Caishes.



The other was Sir *Francis Pemberton*, whose Ancestors were originally extracted out of the ancient Family of *Pemberton*, denominated from *Pemberton* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, from whom Sir *Goddard Pemberton*, Kt. descended; who purchased a fair Estate, settled in this Burrough, and was constituted Sheriff for this County, Anno 1615, 13 *James I.* but dying within the Year, *Lewis Pemberton* of this Town, Esq. was his Heir, succeeded him in his Shrievalty, and held it the last Part of the Year; afterwards *Roger Pemberton*, of this Place, Esq. inherited his Estate, was likewise elected Sheriff for this County, in the Year 1620, 18 *James I.* from whom issued *Ralph Pemberton*, twice Mayor of this Burrough, Anno 1627, 8 *Car. I.* and 1638, the 14th of the same King. He was the Father of this eminent Lawyer, who received his first Breath here, and was educated at the School in this Town, where he gave early Testimonies of his future Perfection in Learning; from thence he was transplanted to the University of *Cambridge*, where he was admitted in *Emanuel Colledge*, on the 12th of *August*, 1640, under the Tuition of the late pious and learned Dr. *Benjamin Whichcote*, where he continued until the 22d of *Feb.* 1644, after which he was entered in the *Inner Temple*, on the 14th of *Oct.* 1645, where he perform'd his Exercises with great Applause, and was call'd to the Bar, the 17th of *November*, 1654. He was made one of the Council of the Court of the *Marshalsea*, and drew the Patent granted by King *Charles II.* for the Enlargement and Confirmation of the Priviledges of that Court. He studied the old Records at *Westminster*, the Rolls, the *Tower*, and made Collections of them, from whence he learn'd the original Reasons and Grounds of the Common Law, and became thereby Master of his Profession. He read learnedly in the *Inner Temple*, in the *Quadragesimes* in the Year 1674, and kept a noble Table there. He received a Writ to be Serjeant at Law, retornable the 29th of *January* following, was made King's Serjeant 11th of *Aug.* 1675; knighted at *Whitehall*, on the sixth of *October* next ensuing; created one of the Justices of the Court of *King's Bench* on the 30th of *April*, 1679; advanced to be Chief Justice of the same Court in *Easter Term*, 1681; removed thence to be Chief Justice of the *Common Pleas* in *Hilary Term*, 1682, and about the same time sworn of his Majesty's Privy Council. He would not suffer any Lawyers upon Trials before him, to interrupt or banter Witnesses in their Evidence, a Practice too frequently used by some Council in bad Causes, to stifle Truth and obstruct Justice; but allowed every Person to recollect his Thoughts, and to speak without Fear, that the Truth might be the better discovered; neither would he permit Council to ask impertinent Ques-

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

tions, nor make long Speeches, nor Harangues in Court, to mislead Juries; but heard all Persons with great Deliberation, Patience, Indifferency, and Impartiality, distinguishing clearly between Truth and Falsehood in his Directions to the Jury, that they might not err; and delivered his Judgment in all Causes depending before him, with great Justice and Solemnity, which much awed the Spectators, and advanced the Reputation of the Court; during all which time no Temptations of Profit or Preferment, no Threats, no Menaces of Deprivation, nor Loss of Place nor Honour, could move him to act any thing against Law; and when he was dismissed from the Bench, he disdained not the Attendance at the Bar again, where his Practice made ample Satisfaction for his Removal from the Bench to the Bar, notwithstanding his great Generosity to his Friends and his Charity to the Distressed. He was endowed with a ready Wit and a quick Apprehension, which were attended with a rare Memory and excellent Parts, by the Help of which, and his own indefatigable Industry, he attained to a great Perfection of Judgment in the Laws of the Land. His Notions were curious, his Distinctions nice, and his Reasons weighty; which render'd him very skilful in the Form of good Pleading, the Foundation and Basis of the Common Law, and very learn'd in the Laws of Conveyancing, wherein he was choice in his Method, abandon'd all Tautologies and impertinent Expressions, and confin'd himself to the most apt, neat, significant, and pertinent Words for his Purpose. He married Anne the eldest Daughter of Sir *Jeremy Whichcote* of *Wendon* in the County of *Middlesex*, Bart. by whom he had Issue three Sons, *Francis*, *Jeremy*, and *Ralph*, and four Daughters, *Anne* married to *George Scot* of *Scots-hall* in the County of *Kent*, Esq. *Mary* to *William Stanley*, D. D. &c. *Elizabeth* to *Nathaniel Stephens*, the present High Sheriff of the County of *Gloucester*, and *Jane* unmarried. He built a large House at *Highgate* in the County of *Middlesex*, where he resided, and died the 10th Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord, 1697, aged seventy two Years, and was buried in the Parish Church of *Highgate*, where his Executors erected a fair Monument with this Inscription engrav'd upon it.

M. S.

*Venerabilis admodum viri
D. Francisci Pemberton. Equitis aurati,
Servientis ad Legem,
E Sociis Juristarum Templi
Nec non sub Serenissimo Principe*

Carolo II.

*Banci Regii ac Communis Capitalis Justiciarii,
Sacra Majestati a Secretioribus Conciliis.*

Vir plane Egregius,

*Ad Reipublicæ, Periter ac Suorum,
Dulce Decus et Præsidium, faticiter natus.*

Hund. of
Caishee.

*Patre Radulpho in agro Hertford: Gen:
Ex antiquâ Pembertonorum Proaspiâ;
In Com. Palat. Lancasteria oriundo.
Charissimam sibi adscivit Conjugem,
Annam*

*Domini Jeremiæ Whichcote Baronetti,
Filiam natu maximam;*

*Ex quâ liberos undecim suscepit,
Quorum septem superstites reliquit;
E vicis placide ac pie excessit*

*10. Die Junii Anno Domini MDCXCVIIimo.
Ætatis suæ LXXII.*

He bore *Argent a Cheveron between three Buckets Sable, the Bail and Hoops Or, impaling the Arms of Whichcote Ermine, two Boars passant in pale Gules, their Brisles tusk'd and membred Or.*

In this Burrough are three Parish Churches; one dedicated to the Honour of St. *Alban* the Martyr, another to St. *Peter* the Apostle, and the other to St. *Michael* the Archangel.

THE Parish Church was formerly called St. *Andrews*, for it was dedicated to the Honour of St. *Andrew* the Apostle, but demolish'd since the Reign of King *Edward VI.* who sold the Cathedral Church, which belonged to the late Monastery Anno 7 *Regni sui* in Consideration of 400*l.* to the Mayor and Burgeases of this Borough, and made it a Parish Church, and nam'd it St. *Albanus*; it was then valued in the King's Books at the rate of 10*l.* per Annum, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and their Successors were constituted Patrons hereof.

The RECTORS.

7 *Edw. VI.* *George Witherall*, Clerk

Edward Carter, Arch-Deacon of St. *Albanus*, in whose time the Grant of the Rectory of *St. Alban* was annexed to it.

John Cole, Arch-Deacon, the present Rector.

This Church is situated upon an Hill about the Middle of the Town, and is a very large Building, with a square Tower in the midst of it, (in which is a Ring of five Bells,) covered with lead, having a short Spire erected upon it, and within the Church are several Monuments and Gravestones which shew the following Inscriptions.

The Picture of *Offa* in his Throne placed on the North Side at the entrance into the Church. Under the Effigies is this Subscription.

*Fundator Ecclesie circa annum Christi 793
Quem male depictum et resistentem cernitis alie
Sublimem Solis Meritis Offa fuit.*

Where the Shrine stood is this Inscribed.

*S. Albanus Verolamensis Anglorum Protomartyr
xvii Junii CCXCIII.*

On the Wall under the East Window.

In Memory of St. Alban first Martyr of Great Britain.

*Renowned Alban Knight first Martyr of this Land,
By Dioclesian lost his life through bloody hand.
Who made him Sovereign, Lord High Steward of this Isle,
And Prince of Britains Knights to dignifie his stile;
He verity embrac't, and Verulam forsooke,
And in this very place his Martyrdom he took;
Here Offa Mertians King, did Alban bones enshrine,
So all things were disposed by Providence Divine.*

At the East End of the South Isle near Duke Humphry's Tomb.

Pia Memoria V. Opt.

Sacrum

Serotinum

*Hic jacet Humphredus, Dux ille Glocestrius olim,
Henrici sexti Protector, fraudis ineptæ
Detector, dum ficta notat miracula cæci:
Lumen erat Patriæ, Column venerabile regni,
Pacis amans, Musisq; favens melioribus, unde
Gratum opus Ottonis, quæ nunc Schola sacra refulget:
Invida sed mulier Regno Regi, sibi nequam,
Abstulit hunc humili, vix hoc dignata sepulchro;
Invidia rumpente tamen, post Funera vivit.
Deo Gloria.*

*Hund. of
Caishee.*

Five Epitaphs over the Altar Tomb of Mr. Maynard.

*Hoc exangue jacet Clausum sub marmore Corpus
Radulphi Mainard, Generoso stemate nati;
Nomina Johannes et Margeria Parentum:
Inclytus armigeri titulo dignoscitur ille,
Hæc Germana Soror Radulphi Rowlet Equestria
Ordinis, ac fratri fuit ex hæredibus una.
Hisce Deus summe clemens peccata remisit.
Inq; Solo sedes concessit non Serituras.
Ætat. sua 77. Die Mort. 14 Jan. 1613.*

To the Memory of Ralph Mainard, Esq. 1613.

The Man that's buried in this Tomb
In heavenly Canaan hath a room.
A Gentleman of ancient name
Who had to wife a virtuous Dame.
They liv'd together in godly sort
Forty five years with good report.
When Seventy and seven years he'd spent
His Soul to his Redeemer went.
His Body by Will here under lies
Still hearkening for the great Assize.
When Christ the Judge of Quick and Dead
Shall raise him from this earthly bed,
And give him Heavens eternal bliss
To live and Reign with Saints of his.
Ærunnarum requies Mora.

To the Memory of Margery Rowlet, late Wife to John Maynard, Esq. 1641.

Here lies intomb'd a Woman worthy Fame,
Whose Vertuous Life gives Honour to her Name.
Few were her years, she died in her Prime,
Yet in the World fulfilled she much time,
Which virtuously she spent providing still
The hungry Bellies of the Poor to fill.
Unto the God of Heaven thrice every Day,
With great Devotion Saint-like did she Pray.
Her Prayers were heard, God knew her hearts desire,
And gave her Heaven for her eternal Hire:
Where now she doth enjoy that endless bliss,
Which her Redeemer purchased for his.
Virtus in æternum vivit.

To the Memory of Margery Seal, Wife to Ralph Maynard, Esq. 1619.

Lo here intomb'd lies a Widdow worthy praise,
Who in the fear of God devoutly spent her days.
With Charitable Alms relieving still the poor,
For empty handed none departed from her Door.
A Mirror in her time for Vertues of her mind,
A Matron for her years the like is hard to find.

Hud. of
Caishoe.

Belov'd, bewail'd of all, in life and death was she,
An Honour to her sex as any of her degree.
Her Body into dust returned, here doth sleep,
Her sanctified Soul in Heaven the Angels keep.
Her worthy name still lives, by fame, who sounds her praise,
With Trumpet clear, till Christ appear, her hence to raise.
Virtus Post Funera vivit.

Robert Maynard the sorrowful Son of his most dear and worthy Parents,
in his Duty to their Memory erected this Monument.

Near to this place lies the Body of *Charles Maynard*, Esq; with the Body
of *Mrs. Mary Maynard* his dear Sister; He died the 3d. of June 1665. in
the 31th. Year of his Age. She died the 20th of Jan. 1663. in the 20th
Year of her Age; who were Son and Daughter to Auditor *Charles
Maynard* of ~~Cambridge~~ *Cambridge* in the County of *Essex*, Esq; who died the
19th of November. 1665. in the 67th Year of his Age, who lies interred
at *Wiston* with his Brother the Right Honourable *William Lord Maynard*
Baron of *Wiston* in *Essex*.

Under the East Window.

Here under lies interred the Bodies of *Robert Nicoll*, late of this Bur-
rough, Gent. and *Mary* his Wife, second Daughter of *John Gape* of the
same Burrough, Esq; she departed this Life Decemb. the 1st 1685. and
he the 9th of March 1689. They left Issue *Ann*, *Ellen* and *William*.

Terra tenet Cineres Animas sed summus Olympus.

*In Memoriam defunctorum erectum fuit hoc Monumentum 4to die Julii. An.
Dom. 1694.*

On the Wall near the South Door.

Sacred to the Memory of *Mrs. Barbara Griffith*, late Wife of *Edward
Griffith*, Esq; Daughter of *Rich. Jennings*, late of *St. Albans*, Esq; who
died in *London* the 22d day of March 1678. in the 27th Year of her
Age; having left one only Daughter named *Barbara*.

Youth, Beauty, Vertue here intomb'd doth lie,
O Death, luxurious in Cruelty,
Gluttied with Age and Vice, thy common prey,
How greedily this life thou'st snatch'd away,
Which Vertue and Good Manners did so grace,
Whose Death doth sweeten and adorn this place. }
And cheers the Ashes of her Ancient Race.
Thus Vertue disappoints Deaths cruel skill,
They only die untimely, who die ill.
Whose early steps the sacred hight do clime,
'Tis just their happiness should begin betime.

Barbara only Daughter of the said *Mrs Griffith* died the 22d. day of
July 1679. and lies here likewise buried.

In the Chancel round a Gravestone of a Mitred Abbot.

*Vir Crucis et Christi tumulo jacet insitus isti
Carcere de tristis salvetur Sanguine Christi
Arma Crucis contempsit intrando Religionem
Mundum contempsit propter celi Regionem
Hic Studuit Claustro pondus sufferre laboris
In Studii stadio bravium percepit honoris
Flatus Fortuna grandes patiens tolerabat
Gaudia tristitias aequali Lance librabat
Nil adversa timens nec multum prospera gurans
Se medio tenuit per ferrea tempora durans
Omni gestura constans nil triste timebat
Omni pressura laudes Christo referebat
Armis justitiæ cinctus Deitatis amore
Hostibus Ecclesiae restitit in facie
Ad Tumulum proceres mors impia transferet omnes
Et puerilis Amor defuit omnis Honor.*

Upon the Stone is his Effigies engraved, and three Labels about his Head.

*Hind. of
Caisar.*

*Celtica Regna bone animi denter quasso patrone
Penas Compasse requiem da virg la Jesse
Me precor Amphibole solvens ad sidera sume.*

Under the Lamb and Eagle on the high Arch in the Chancel.

*Sic ubicunq; vides sit pictus ut agnus et ales
Effigies operis Sexti patris ista Jonannis.
Esse vel in toto juvare vel infaciendo
Est opus hoc unum causavit eum faciendum.*

In the Chancel.

*Ecce Sacerdos eram, jam factus vile Candaver.
Et cito pulvis eris: quasso, memento mei
Sic te gradum, qui me terris hic, et funde precatur,
Me Deus ut leve, hinc ducat ad usq; polum.*

Richardus Stondon obiit _____ die _____
Anno MV.

Round the Monument of a Mitred Abbot in the Chancel.

Hic jacet Dominus Thomas quondam Abbas hujus Monasterii.

In the Chancel.

*Hic jacet frater Robertus Bonner, quondam hujus Monasterii Monachus:
qui Quadraginta sex Annis continuè et ultra ministrabat in diversis officiis
majoribus et minoribus Convent. Monasterii præscripti: videlicet, in Of-
ficiis Vergi prioris, Coquarii, Refectorarii, et Infirmarii; Et in Officiis
Subrefectorarii Superiorum Convent. Pro cujus anima fratres Charissimi
fundere preces dignemini ad judicem altissimum piissimum Dom. Jesu
Christum, ut concedat sibi suores veniam peccator. Amen.*

Round the Monument of a Mitred Abbot on the South Side.

*Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitatis atq; indivisa unitas, Benedicamus, et Quia
nobiscum fecit misericordiam, Amen.*

Written in Stone Letters about the Tomb of Abbot Ramryg
in the Chancel.

*Sancti Spiritus assit nobis gratia: Veni Sancto Spiritus Repte tuorum
corde fidelium, et tui amoris in ajs ignem accende. Amen.*

Designed for Abbot Ramryg's Tomb.

*Hic jacet, aut certe jacuit Ramrygius: Abbas
Ille olim fani maximus hujus erat.
Quid sibi vult Aries cum Ryge hinc inde sepulchro?
Sic nomen signat scilicet ipse suum.*

Upon the fourth Pillar in the Body of the Church

H. S. E.

*Johannes Jones Wallus,
Schola Albanensis Hypodidasculus iteratissimus,
Qui*

*Dum Ecclesia hæc Anno 1684 publicè impensis
Instauraretur*

*Exculpit sibi quoq; Monumentum
Quod inscripsit.*

FANUM. St. Albani.

*Poema Carmina Heroico
Hoc lapide, hoc etiam æde, ævoq; perennius omni
Obiit Anno 1696.*

Hand. of
Eatspoe.

On the second Pillar in the North Isle from the West Door.

*State gradum properans requiescit Mandevil urna
Hic humili: Norunt et Monumenta mori*

Lo in this Inn, of Travellers doth lie
One rich in nothing but a Memory:
His Name was Sir John Mandevil, content
Having seen much with a small Continent,
Towards which he travell'd ever since his Birth,
And at last pawn'd his Body for the Earth,
Which by a Statute must in mortgage be,
Till a Redeemer come to set it free.

Over the West Door.

Propter vicinii situm et amplum hujus Templi spatium, ad magnum confluentiam multitudinem excipiendam, opportunum temporibus. Hen. VIII. R. et denuo R. Elizabethæ peste Londini serviente Conventus juridicus hic agebatur.

Under this.

*Princeps Dei Imago, lex principis opus
Finis legis justitia.*

In the Chancel upon a Tombstone.

*Hic quidam terra tegitur, peccati solvens debitum;
Cui nomen non imponitur, in libro vitæ sit conscriptum.*

Over the South Door entering the Chancel.

*Non procul hinc dormit, procul hinc Hylocomius ortus,
Quem peperit, pepulit patria silva ducis,
Per Varios casus hic sedem denique fixit
Albana moderans rector in urbe Scholam.
Hunc Galli, Hiberni, Belgæ coluere Magistrum,
Inclyta Grammatices quæ documenta dedit.
Hunc colit, et longum recolet de gente Britannum.
Tam generosa cohors, quam numerosa cohors.
Ad bona Cuncta fuit promptissimus, almus Egeris,
A quo nemo petens tristis abire solet.
Religione, Fide, Pandore notabilis, atqui
Omnibus exutis hic levis umbra jaces.
Nec Moreris totus, Cæli pars optima Civis
Infima pars facta est, sed reditiva, cinis.
Te quia defunctum sine honore queruntur alumni,
Huc tibi sera dedit Carmina * Vestra Manus.
* Joh. Westerman.*

*In Memoriam venerabilis viri Johannis Thomæ Hylocomii Buscodunensis
epud Belgas, hujus Oppidi olim Civis munifici, Scholarum celeberrimi.*

On the right Hand of the former, over the Abbot of
~~Waltham~~ ^{Waltham}stede's Tomb.

Johannes

De loco frumentario.

*Quis jacet hic? pater ille Johannea, nomina magna
Cui ~~Waltham~~stedia parvula Villa dedit.
Triticæ in tumulo signant quoque nomen aristæ
Vitæ res claræ, non Monumenta, notant.*

Round about the Tomb are bunches of Wheat Ears, and written about them, *Valles abundabunt.*

On the left hand of the great South Door.

*Vir domini verus jacet hic Heremita Rogerus,
Et sub eo clarus meritis Heremita Sigarus*

Under a South Window in the Body of the Church where was all painted Glass with St. Alban beheaded, and his Executioner weeping out his Eyes which he holds in his Hand.

Hand. of Caishoe.

MDCXXIII.

This Image of our frailty, painted Glass
Shews where the life and death of *Alban* was.
A Knight beheads the Martyr, but so soon
His Eyes dropt out to see what he had done,
And leaving their own head, seem'd with a Tear
To wail the other Head lay mangled there :
Because before his eyes no tears would shed.
His Eyes themselves like tears fell from his head
O Bloody fact that whilst *St. Alban* dies
The Murderer himself weeps out his Eyes.

In Zeal to Heaven, where holy *Alban's* bones
Were buried, *Offa* raised this heap of Stones,
Which after by devouring time abused,
Into the dying parts had life infused
By *James* the first of England to become
The glory of *Alban's* Protomartyrdom.

Near the Font.

*Quin terram leviter premis sacra est amice:
Sub hoc marmore Componitur
Exemplar ævi fugacis non prætereundum,
Martha Brown,
Matthæi Crutchfeild civis et salar. Lond. Janæq;
Obsequentissima filia,
Uxor autem charissima.
Johannis Brown Med. Doctoris de Lond.
Hoc in Oppido nati, et hac in æde renati.
At qualis femina,
Divinis animi corporisq; ditata bonis,
Suavissimis moribus, Ingenio peracuto,
Piam, probam, jucundam cogites, ipsissima est mea.
Uni placere studuit, et Deo placuit, et omnibus.
Quæ Marthæ primogenitæ superstes
Hic juxta concepuit.
Anno post Nuptias altero ferè exacto
Anno Salutis MDCLXVIII. Ætat. xxix incunte
Dominus pariundis Cum incubisset fortiter.
Nono post die Feb. viii. (pro dolor) occubuit :
Ex quibus binos (saxit Deus) vitales cura pignora
Desiderio sui leniendo post se reliquit.
Abi, lector, Vita sic institue si pennas præcideris,
Virtus tua celari nec possit, vel lapides loquentur.
Chara fugis, nec te lachrymæ flexere parentis,
Nec dulces nati, nec pia Cura viri.
Quippe Vocat Christus, proles tibi bina preivit,
Nos sumus haud longè turba futura Comes.
Hæc juxta defunctæ persolvit Maritus maritus. J. B.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

VICAR. John Rochford.

THE Church of *St. Peter's* is situated on the North Part of the Borough Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 9*l.* 8*d.* per Annum, and is a fair Church covered with Lead, with a Chancel at the East End covered with Tyle, and at the West End hath a square Tower covered with Lead, wherein hang six Bells, with a short Spire upon it; and in the Church and Chancel are several Gravestones with these Inscriptions.

Head of
Entwysel.

This Church and Church-yard was filled with the Bodies of those that were slain in the two Battles fought in this Town, among whom Sir Bertin Entwysel fighting on the King's Part died of a Wound received in the first Battle, upon whose Tomb this Inscription inlaid in Brass is yet to be read.

Here lieth Sir Bertin Entwysel, Kt. which was born in Lancashire, and was Esquire and Baron of Brykboke in Normandy, and Bailiff of Constantine, who died the 28. of May 1456. on whose Soul Jesu have mercy.

These Entwysels were Gentlemen of good account in Lancashire, whose Mansion-house retains the Name of Entwysel, and the last Heir of that House was one Wilfred Entwysel, who sold his Estate and served as a Lance at Marstonburro. 1510. Anno 2 Edw. VI. after that he served the Guyes in defence of Melly, and he was one of the four Captains of the Fort of Newjaken, where being infected with the Plague and shipped for England landed at Portsmouth, and uncertain of any House in Sept. 1549. died under an Hedge.

Ralph Babthorpe the Father and Ralph the Son of Babthorpe in the East Riding in the County of York, fighting in this Town for King Hen. VI. were both slain and lye buried together with this Epitaph.

Cum Patre Radulpho Babthorp jacet, cum Radolphus
Filius, hoc vult monumentum personis huius.
Henrici sexti Baptiste, Patris armiger ejus,
Mors satis id locust illius uterque fuit.
C. Domini quater M. semel II. semel III. semel Nemo
Hoc vult hanc solus mors tricolore bus.
Hic hinc postrema Mili hinc servanda,
Hic hinc hinc hinc, hinc hinc hinc hinc.

Behold here the Ralph B
Under a Stone of marble
So Henry sixth the Father
Both true to Prince and to
The year one thousand and
Grim Death, yet not alone,
The last day of their light
God granted them light in

the Father lie
ric:
hinc,
the hinc hinc

Y:
Day.

In the pore of Christ on thowman's four hundred full train with color and
Richard Shipwith Gentleman in birth, late fellow of New lane sixteen
In my age I have on my Soul partied from the body in August the sixteenth
And now I ly her abiding Gods mercy under this stone in clay. (day,
Bespreading path that this will see, unto the Mercyden pray for me
That here both God and Man
Like as ye hold that order for yer spah,
Whiche ye ne may nor can.

Hic duo consorcius Skipwith que Joanna Joannes
Compassant una, generosus et una, et aliter:
Hic pariter possunt in pace precare quiescant
Cu qui metra legu, sic quod requiescant possunt
Hic jacet Georgias Skipwith, Ar. &c.

On the Wall on the South Isle in St. Peters.

Hic inter patrias cineres requiescit,
Johannes Radston, L. L. D.
Ex antiqua et honesta admodum Familia,
Hoc in oppido natus;
Studia liberalioribus Orontis imbutus;
In Academia Curia Assessor,
Ad altiora in jure civili numera promovendus,
Nisi amicorum votis obstitisset invida Mors
Aug. 5. 1691. Etatis sue 35
Vir egregius Animi dotibus præditus,
Ad maxima quæq; cupessenda idoneus:

*Leniores virtutes,
Quæ virum bonum propius attingunt,
Præcipue coluit; his ornatus
Summorum familiaritate optatissime usus est
Et æqualium suavissime.*

*In amicis juvandis,
Studio, concilio, opera constans, sincerus indefessus;
Cæteris satisfecit omnibus, sibi ipsi nunquam.
Quæ tam eximia merita,
Ut alias exemplo essent,
Monumentum hoc inscribi curavit
Johannes Michell. Armig.
Familia Rudstoniana
Ex utroq; parente consanguineus.*

In the Body of the Church.

Here lies the Body of *John Cox, Esq;* late of *Beamonds*, one of the Marshalls of the Hall to *Queen Elizabeth*, *King James*, and *King Charles*, who departed this Life the 12th of *September*, Anno Domini 1690. at the Age of 77 years; and left *Alban Cox* his Nephew sole Executor, who was at the Charge of this Monument.

Hic requiesco in spe Resurrectionis.

In the Chancel.

Here lieth the Body of *John Robotham, Esq;* who died the 11th of *Sep.* 1615.

In the Chancel.

Hoc sub lapide in sepulchro condito per Richardum Lee de Saywell, in Comitatu Hertford Miles jacent corpora predicti Richardi et Margarette uxoris ejus, et duarum filiarum eorundem Richardi et Margarette nunc dormitorium est Familia Sadlierorum de Saywell predict. per conjugium factum et celebratum inter Edwardum Sadlier arm. filium secundum Rodolphi Sadlier de Stanton Comitatu predict Banmereti et Ann. filiam secundam et unam coherundum predicti Richardi Lee. Resurgemus.

In the Chancel.

Here lyeth the Body of *Robert Robotham, Esq;* sometime Steward and Secretary to the right Honourable *Henry Lord Clifford* Earl of *Cumberland*, and in Commission for the Peace for the County of *Stafford*. He gave five pounds per annum to the Vicar of this Parish, and his Successors for ever; and four pounds per annum to be given to Eighty poor People of this said Parish. He died the 6th of *March* in the year of our Lord God 1672. in the 75th year of his Age, left *Robert Robotham* of this Parish, *Esq;* and *Arthur Smithson* Citizen of *London* his Executors, to whose pious Memory they dedicated this,

*Junior enee rui fueram tunc Ensifer uni
De Borea Comiti, dicto cognomine Percy,
Ut Pertii pertiit sibi proh Dolorensis ademit.
Transcurrens stadii, pax sit ei; mihi,
Ipse Thomas dictus, Pakinton erant; vocatus.*

Hic jacet *Edwardus Beulled*, Ar. quondam *Magister* *Adri benatici* infra *Libertatem* *Abbatis de Sancto Albano* et *Alicia* uxor ejus, qui *Edwardus* Obiit, 8 Jan. 1475.

*William Wittor and his Wyffe Grace
Under this Ston ben burged her
In Heven good Lord grant them place,
As thou them bought with thy blood so ber,
Whiche William as her hit both apper
The ninth day of March past this present yer
On thousand four hundred and six per
Of Crist; whos grace be ther preserbing.*

*Hand. of
Caligae.*

*Head of
Caisheer.*

Hic jacet Edmundus Westby quondam Hundredarius Sancti Albani et Joanna uxor ejus filia et heres Ade Stonham et Consanguinea, et Heres Alicie Attehalli..... ob ultimus die Julii, 1447.

Hic jacet Cecilia Westby uxor Bartholomei Westby, quæ obiit 2. Julii, anno 1495.

*Hic jacet Willelmus Westby quondam Hundredarius et Ballibus liber-
tatis. —*

Hic jacet Edmundus Westby, Arm. Justiciarius pacis Com. Hertford. et Hundredarius ac Ballibus de Franchesia Sancti Albani et Margareta uxor ejus, qui Edwardus obiit, 16 Sept. 1475.

Henry VI. was in this Edmond's House, then Handredor of St. Albans during the time of the first Battle in the Town.

Hic jacet Thomas Astry Gen. filius Radulphi Astri militis, et Elizabetha uxor ejus filia Willelmi Skipwith, armigeri, qui quidem Willelmus, obiit, 1507.

*De Studely Dominus natus John Lind que vocatus ;
Morte ruit strates hic armiger intumultus
Sula Mareschallum quem Regia Nobilitabit
Erga lucem rapuit. raptum cineri sociabit
Supplicis qui graveris, seu in marmore lumina figis,
Ora cum superis sit tibi parca piis
ob. 3 Sep. anno 1464.*

Under a Marble Stone in the Quire, a religious Man lieth interred, whose Name is worn or stolen out with the Brass ; only the Form of a Rose remaineth, and in the turning of the Leaves this Inscription.

*No all that 'ere I spent, southery hau I.
All that I gau to good intent, that now hau I.
That which I neyther gau nor lent, that now aby I.
That I kept till I went, that lost I.*

An old Translation from these Latine Couplets following.

*Quod expendi, habui.
Quod donabi, habes.
Quod negabi, punior.
Quod serabi, perdidisti.*

In the South Isle.

Memoria et virtutis Sacrum.

Here lies Roger Pemberton, Esq; sometime High Sheriff of this County, who by his last Will ordain'd six Alms houses to be built near this Church, for six poor Widows, and hath given out of his Mannor of Shelden in the County of Bedford 30l. per annum for ever, for their Maintenance. To whose pious Memory Elizabeth his loving Wife, and Ralph Pemberton their dutiful Son, Mayor of this Town, Executors of his last Will, have dedicated this Remembrance. He lived well, and departed this life the 13. of November 1637. the 72 year of his Age.

Here now his Body rests in expectation of a joyfull Resurrection.

*Filiis dicti Rogeri et Elizabethæ
Ralph, Robert, John.*

*Fil. dicti Rog. et Eliz.
Eliz. Eliz. et Tecta.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

VICAR, John Cole.

THE Church of St. Michael is situated in the North West Part of this Town, and cover'd with Lead; at the West End thereof is a square Tower, wherein hang four Bells; and Anno 26 H. VIII. it was valued in the King's Books at 10l. 1s. 2d. per Annum, and within this Church are several Monuments and Marbles which have these Inscriptions.

John Pecock et Mawd sa femme gisant icy.
 Et Bien desont almes en mercy, Amen.

Hand of
 Chisloe.

Hic jacet Thomas Wolvey (or Wolven) atomus in arte, nec non Armiger
 illustrissimæ Principis Ricardi secundi, quondam Regis Angliæ: qui
 obiit an. Dom. 1450 in vigilia Sancti Thomæ Martiris. Cujus animæ
 propitiatur Deus, Amen.

It seems by this Inscription, that this Man was the Master Mason or
 Surveyor of the King's Stone Works, as also Esquire to the King's
 Person.

Hic jacet Richardus Wolvey (or Wolven) Lathonius filius Johannis Wol-
 ven cumxoribus suis Agnete et Agnete et cum octo filiis et decem
 filiabus suis, qui Richardus ob. an. 1494. quorum animabus.

Veritatur in cineres isto sub marmor corpus
 Willielmi Lili spiritus astra petit.
 Quisquis es, hoc facies supplex pia numina poscas
 Ut tibi concedat regna beata poli.

Here is my Lord Bacon's Effigies in Alabaster sitting in an Elbow
 Chair, leaning on his Elbow in a musing posture, in a Nitch in the Wall
 on the North Side the Chancel, and his Feet on a Pedestal on a Marble
 Altar. Tomb invironed with an Iron Rail.

H. P.

Francisc. Bacon, Baro de Verulam, Sanct. Albani Viceco'
 Seu notioribus Titulis
 Scientiarum Lumen, Facundia Lex,
 Sic sedebat:

Qui post quam omnia naturalis sapientia
 Et civilis Arcana evolviasset,
 Natura Decretum explevit.
 Composita solvantur
 Anno Dom MDCXXVI.
 Ætat. LXVI.

Tanti viri

Mem.

Thomas Meantys
 Superstitis Cultor
 Defuncti Admirator.

In the Body of the Church on the Floor.

Here lieth the Body of George Grimston, Esq; Son and Heir apparent of
 the Honourable Sir Harbottle Grimston, Bar. Master of the Rolls. A
 Gentleman full of piety and humility, dutiful to his Parents, loving and
 beloved, his Person and Comportment both worthy observation, of a
 comely Shape, and most perswasive behaviour, but death put a period
 to his growing hopes in the 23d year of his age.

In the Body of the Church on the Floor.

Here lieth Henry Gape and Florence his Wife,
 Who out of this World changed this life
 In the Month of September the seventh day,
 The year of Salvation 1558 the truth to say.
 Whose Soul we wish as Love doth bind
 In Heaven with Christ a place to find.

In the South Isle in the Wall, in Memorial of John Maynard, Esq.
 (The two first lines so rased they are not legible.)

In Faith most firm to God, most loyal to the Crown,
 Learned in the Law, first Steward of St. Albans Town,
 Him fairer Arms in Heaven Gods Angels have emblaz'd
 Never shall his Christian name out of God's Books be ras'd
 He died October the 20th. 1556, anno 3 et 4
 Regis Phil. et Reginae Mariæ.

*Hund. of
Catsheo.*



In the Body of the Church on the Floor.

Exuvia

Gratissima Cælis Anima,

Margaretta Lowe

Qua

Primo Rowlando Knight, Mercatori Louthonsensi

Sui riuam peperit Filiam:

*Dei Georgio Lowe, Hospitii Lincolniensis, Armig'
Honoratissimo Domino Harbottello Grimston, Baronet.*

Sacrorum Magistro a Secretis,

Castissimo juncta est Connubio;

Conjugium tam congrue annexum,

Ut crederetur existis Vinculis

Firmior nasci Libertas.

Adeo in illius vultu illuxit Sinceritas, in verbis Fides

Solita in moribus undequaque Symetria,

Intra Alacritatem severa,

Intra severitatem alacris,

Odia subegit Innocentia.

Innocentiam prudentia præmunivit.

Constanti virtutum Cultrix, ac Ornamentum,

De Fortuna ultra Sexum triumphavit infractus Animus

Ite viri imitemini.

Hoc in perennem Memoriam G. Lowe Conjux maerissimus

P. D. C.

Obiit Martii 20. an. Dom. MDCLXXIII.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.

*Matt. Paris de
Vit. Abbat.
fol. 45.*

ABOUT three Miles distant from St. Albans this Vill appears upon an Hill among the Woods towards the South: *Egelwine* the Black, and *Winefred* his Wife, gave it to the Abbots of St Albans, from whence it had the Adjunct of Abbot, to distinguish it from the neighbouring Vill, and was denominated *Langley* from the Length of the Vill, for the Name signifies a long Land; and King *Edward* the Confessor, and Queen *Editha* his Wife, at the Instance and Procurement of *Loofstan* the Abbot, and their Confessor, confirmed the Grant hereof, and they held it in the time of the Conqueror, when it was thus recorded:

*Domesd. Lib.
fol 134, nu. 10.*

In Banats Hundred. Abbas ten. Langelai pro quinque hidis se defendebat et dimid tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro tribus hidis. Terra est quindecim car. in Dom. duo hide et dimid. et ibi sunt quatuor car. et quinta potest fieri. Ibi est Presbiter et un. Francig. cum decem Vill. habentibus decem car. Ibi quinque Bord. et duo servi, et duo mold. de vigint. sol. pratum quinque car. pastura ad pec. Silva trecent porc. de hac terra habet unus Miles dimid. hid. In totis valent. valet decem lib. Quando recepit duodecam lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quindecim lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Ecclesia Sancti Albani. De hoc Manerio tulit et occupavit Herbertus filius Ivonis unam hidam inter boscum et planum Tpr. Bajocensis Episc. Ipoa hida jacebat in Ecclesia Sanct. Albani die qua Rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. Modo tenet Comes Moritonus.

The Abbot of St. Alban held *Langley* in *Banats Hundred*, it was rated for five Hides and half an Hide in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) and now for three Hides. The arable is fifteen Carucates, in Demesne two Hides and an half, and there are four Carucates, and a fifth may be made. There is a Presbiter or Priest and one Frenchman born, with ten Villains having ten Carucates. There are five Bordars and two Servants, and two Mills of twenty Shillings Rent by the Year,

Meadow five Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed three hundred Hogs; one Knight had half an Hide of this Land. In the whole Value it is worth ten Pounds by the Year, when he received it twelve Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edw.* (the Confessor) fifteen Pounds by the Year. This Mannor did lie, and doth lie in the Church of *St. Alban*. *Herbert*, the Son of *Ivo* enjoyed and occupied one Hide of this Mannor, lying between the Wood and the Plain of the then Father of the Bishop of *Bayer* this Hide did lie in the Church of *St. Alban* on the Day in which King *Edward* (the Confessor) was alive and dead, now Earl *Moreton* holds it.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

In or about the time of *Henry I. Nicholas* surnamed *Breakspear*, denominated from a House of that Name in *Middlesex*, was born in this Village, and Son to a Servant in the Abby of *St. Albans*, where he was put to School, but neglecting his time was afterwards denied the Cloath upon his Request, for that he was not qualified for it, whereupon he went to *Paris*, improv'd his time much better there; so that at Length he was advanced to be a Cardinal, and afterwards elected Pope by the Name of *Adrian IV.* and continued in that Station four Years, eight Months and eight and twenty Days, during which time he depress'd the Citizens of *Rome*, when they aspir'd to their ancient Freedom; caused *Frederick*, Emperor of *Rome*, to hold his Stirrup when he alighted from his Horse, gave large Priviledges to the Church of *St. Alban*, and as he was drinking *Anno 1158*, was choaked with a Fly.

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Herts. fol.
419.
Fuller's
Worthies, tit.
Herts. fol. 20.*

Anno 1 Johannes that King confirmed the Grant of this Mannor for the clothing of the Monks of the said Monastery; and it was found *Anno 6 Edw. I.* the Abbot of that Church held the Mannors of *Sandriche, Hayshe, Langlep, Childwick, Okenep, Crikeshe, and Tibering* in Capite of the King by the Service of four Knight's Fees and an half.

*Camd. Brit.
fol. 415.
Fuller's Wor-
thies, fol. 20.*

The Abbots of this Church held this Mannor until the time of the Dissolution, when it came to the Crown, where it remained until Prince *Charles* held a Court here in *October, 22 Jac. I.* shortly after it was conveyed to

*Quo Warr 6
Ed. I. Rot. 56,
in cur. recept.
Scac.*

Thomas Combe, Esq. who married *Anne*, Daughter of *Thomas Greenhill*, Gent. and dying on the 21st Day of *May, 1641*, without Issue, devised this Mannor with certain Lands, and most of his Library, to *Sidney College* in *Cambridge*, and *Trinity College* in *Oxford*, for the educating in Piety and Learning the Descendants of his own and his Wife's Kindred for ever.

The President, Fellows, and Scholars of the Colledge of the *Lady Frances Sidney Sussex*, within the University of *Cambridge*, by Lease under their Common Seal, dated the 10th of *June, 1675*, demised to *Thomas Greenhill* and *William Greenhill* their Moyety or half Part of the capital Messuage, Mannor, and Premises for the Term of one and twenty Years, to commence from the Feast of *St. Michael* then last past, under the Rents and Covenants therein contained.

*Hand. of
Cathol.*

The President, Fellows, and Scholars of the Colledge of the holy and undivided *Trinity* in the University of *Oxford*, by their Indenture of Lease under their Common Seal, dated 15th Day of *Sept.* 1680, demised to *T. Greenhill* and *W. Greenhill* their Moyety and half Part of their capital Messuage in *Abbots Langley* in this County, and all the Rents for the Term of one and twenty Years, to commence from the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, then last past, under the Rents and Covenants therein compris'd, and by Vertue of these Leases *Thomas Greenhill* and *William Greenhill* held Courts for this Mannor, and received the Rents and Profits hereof, till such time that *Thomas Greenhill* convey'd his Moyety or half Part of these Leases and Mannor to his Son *Henry Greenhill*, by Reason whereof this *Henry* and *William Greenhill* held this Mannor jointly of the said Colledge, and now hold Courts in their Names: And they give *Vert, two Barrs Argent, in Chief a Leopard proper.*

The Mannor of the HIDE.

WAS derived, as I suppose, from the last Mannor, and denominated from some Possessor thereof, and was heretofore sold to *Henry Greenhill* of *Greenhill* in *Herts* in the County of *Middlesex*, who died seized hereof about the Year of our Lord 1655, and it descended to

*E Relations
H. Greenhill,
Clerici.*

William Greenhill, who enjoyed it about twenty Years, then devised it by his Will to

William Greenhill, who married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Coheir of *William White* of *London*, by whom he had Issue, *William, John, Henry, Thomas*, and *Elizabeth, Catharine*, and *Anne*.

William Greenhill married *Mary*, the sole Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Sheriff* of *Bagrave* in the County of *Suffolk*, by whom he had Issue *William, John, Mary, Katharine, Susan*, and *Elizabeth*; and upon the Death or Alienation of any customary Tenant, the Heir or the Purchaser shall pay for a Fine 6*d.* per Acre, and 10*s.* for a Heriot.

THE Church is situated in the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Albans*, in the Diocess of *London*, and the Vicaridge was rated *Anno 26 Hen. VIII.* in the King's Books at 10*l.* per Annum, and *Henry Child* is Patron thereof.

This Church is covered with Lead, has a fair Tower annexed to the West End thereof, wherein is a Ring of five Bells, and a short Spire upon it.

In the Chancel.

A small Monument is erected in the Wall, which has the Effigies of a Woman, with this Inscription.

This Monument of *Mrs. Anne Combe* Daughter of *Thomas Greenhill*, Gentleman, and Wife of *Francis Combe*, Esq; who died without Issue the 21st of *May* 1641. and lies intomb'd in *Henlychamps* amongst his

*Hand of
Cathol.*

Ancestors; and by his Will gave much out of his Lands to Pious and Charitable uses to the maintenance of several Lectures in ~~Hemel-~~
~~hempssted~~, ~~Barthamsted~~ and ~~St. Albans~~, and also for several Schools in ~~Hemel-~~
~~hempssted~~, ~~St. Albans~~, and ~~Abbots Langley~~, and allowances to the poor of several Parishes for ever; and also gave the Mannor of ~~Abbots~~
~~Langley~~, with certain Lands and most of his Library, himself being Learned, to ~~Stoney-Colledge~~ in Cambridge, and ~~Trinity-Colledge~~ in Oxford, for the Educating in Piety and Learning the Descendants of his own and his Wives Kindred for ever; and also by his Will ordered this Monument to be here erected in memory of his forementioned Wife Mrs. Anne Combe, being the place of her Nativity, who having led a pious life, died November 6 1640. aged 24 years, and lyeth buried in the Chancel.

Hic jacet Nicholaus Martin armig. qui obiit 2 die Decembris anno Dom. 1609.

The Bodies of the Reverend Minister of this Parish, near 53 years of Age, who departed this Life the 16th of September 1679. Aged 89 Years, and Elizabeth his Wife who departed this Life the 22d. of May 1672 aged 66 Years.

Here lieth Robert Nevil and Elizabeth his Wife, which Robert deceased the 28th of April, in the year of our Lord God 1475. This World is but a Vanity, to Day a Man, to Morrow none.

Mors mihi transitus in vitam aeternam, et Resurgam Georgius Stringer, filius et heres Georgii Stringer de Abbots Langley generosi, vixit annos 6. obiit 5 die Octobris 1641.

In a Chapel erected on the North Side of the Chancel, which belongs to the Family of Mr. Child.

A Table containing this Inscription hangs on the Wall.

*Christo S. S.
Johannes Lewes, Brito Caermarthoniensis,
In parochia de St. Aldern natus Collegii
Jesu Academia Cantabrigiensis quondam
Alumnus, Divini verbi Concinator,
Qui per annos 54 hujusce Ecclesiae,
Fuit Pastor fidelis et Vicarius: Post
Vitam pie gestam, pacifice requiescit
In Dominio, et hic tumulatus,
Patri suo omni pietatis officio imprimis
Colendo, Radulfus Lewes, illius primogenitus,
Hoc Monumentum posuit non sine Lacrymis.
Obiit 29 die Augusti anno a Christo nato 1626.
Vixit annos 80.*

*Memento juris tui: mihi heri, et tibi hodie:
Sola mihi virtus superest, post fata beatam
Aeterno vitam ducere posse Deo.*

In a Press there is a small Library of Books. There is a fair Stone without Subscription in this Chappel.

In the Body of the Church.

Here lyeth buried the Body of Robert Child and his Wife, which Robert died the 6th Day of — in the year of our Lord God 1601.

In the Churchyard is a Tomb which has these Inscriptions.

Here lyeth the Body of John Brewer, Junior, Yeoman, eldest Son of Thomas Brewer of ~~Westwood~~, Yeoman; which was interred the 26th of April 1664.

Here also lyeth the Body of John Brewer, Senior, Yeoman, which was interred the 21st. Day of August 1664.

Here also lyeth the Body of Mary Waters, Daughter of John Brewer, Sen. Yeoman, which was interred the 26th of August 1664.

*Hand. of
Cainpo.*

Here also lyeth the Body of *William Brewer* Yeoman, third Son of *John Brewer* of ~~Westmouthe~~, Yeoman; which was interred the 25th day of *May* 1666.

Here also lyeth the body of *Elizabeth Brewer*, the Relict of *John Brewer*, Sen. Yeoman abovesaid; which was interred the 18th day of *July* 1682.

Here also lyeth the body of *Thomas Brewer*, Gent. second Son of *John Brewer*, Sen. of ~~Westmouthe~~ abovesaid, who departed this Life when he was Principal of *Christ's Sch.* London: and was interred the 19th day of *November* 1691.

SYRET now called *SARRET*.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178
Lib. MS. Mr.
Cox.*

THIS Vill lies about four Miles distant from *Abbots Langley*, towards the South West, which *Offa* King of the *Mertians*, granted to the Monastery of *St. Albans*, Anno 796, 33 *Regni sui*, so called from *Syret*, a *Saxon*, who, I suppose, was an ancient Possessor of it, and King *Etheldred* confirm'd the Gift by that Name, but no Mention is made of it in *Domesdei Book*, however I find King *Henry* I. and King *John* confirm'd it again by the same Name to that Church.

*MS. in Bibl.
Cottoni.
fol. 263.*

King *Edw.* I. gave all his Lands called *La Trop*, in this Vill of *Syret*, with the Messuages, Rents, Woods, Meadows, Pastures, and Commons to

Oliver de Burdegans, who by his Deed dated at *St. Albans*, the 16th Day of *July*, Anno 8 *Edw.* II. granted all his Land called *La Trop* in this Vill, with the Messuages, &c. and also the Lands and Tenements which *Geoffrey Turkeyld*, and *Alexander* the Fool, his Bond-tenants, held of him in *Villenage*, with their Bodies, Chattels, and Sequels, and all other things belonging to the said Lands, which he had of the Gift of King *Edward*, to the Abbot and Convent of the Monastery of *St. Alban* and their Successors for ever, to hold by the Services due, and of Right accustomed to be paid to the chief Lords of the Fee, which Deed was attested by Sir *John Aignel*, Sir *Richard Chamberlain*, Sir *Stephen de Cheyndut*, *John de Lattin* then Steward of the Liberty of *St. Albans*, *Roger de Meridene*, *John Gregory*, and many others.

The same King by his Charter dated at ~~Salton~~, the 4th Day of *July*, An. 12 *Regni sui*, confirm'd the former Grant, and the Abbots of this Church held this Mannor until the Dissolution of that Monastery, when it came to the Crown, from whence it was granted to

*Fin. 4 & 5 P.
and M. in re-
cept. Scac.*

William Igrave, who held it of the King in the time of *Edw.* VI. by the yearly Rent of 12s. 7d. but he soon parted from it, for I find that in *Michaelmas* Term, 4 & 5 P. & M. a Fine was levied of this Mannor by the Name of *Rose-hall* in *Sarret* between *William Luddington*, Plaintiff, and *Tho-*

mas Wanford, Deforceant; since which it was in the Possession of one *Cockshut*, who lived here, but whether he was Owner of it I do not certainly know; his Arms were *Gules, three Guts Argent on a Chief of the second, a Griffin passant Sable; Crest on a Wreath, a demi Griffin Argent collard Gules thereon, three Drops Silver*, after whom this Mannor came to

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

Francis Kingsley, who married *Abigail* Daughter of ——— *Staines*, by whom he had Issue

William Kingsley, who married *Dorothy* Daughter of *Sir Edward Botiler* of *Danbury* in the County of *Essex*, who lived here Anno 1634, and had Issue

William Kingsley, who was his Son and Heir; his Arms were *Vert, a Cross ingrailed Argent; Crest on a Wreath, a Goat's Head coupé*—— and I guess he sold it about the Year 1655, to

Thomas Child, who enjoyed it during his Life; his Arms were *Azure, a Fess embattled Ermins between three Eaglets close Or; Crest on a Wreath, a Dove volant Ermin, with a Trefoile in her Bill vert*; and when he died, it came to

Henry Child, who was his Son and Heir, and sold it to *Robert Child*, he granted it to *Robert Gilbert*, who convey'd it to *John Duncomb*, the present Lord hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 H. VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 9*l*. per Annum, and the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons hereof.

THE RECTORS.

Mr. Cowheard
Mr. Clerke
Mr. Clerke

Mr. Chiswick
Mr. Joell.

This Church is erected in the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Albans*, in the Diocess of *London*, after the Form of a Cross, and at the West End is a little Tower of Brick, in which are three small Bells, and within the Chancel is

A Monument erected in the South Side where are the Effigies of a Man and his Wife, with their three Sons behind the Man, and one Daughter behind the Woman.

In piam memoriam viri Ornatisissimi Guliel Kingsley, Armigeri, mariti sui longe clarissimi, Katharina Uxor ejus multum dilecta, hoc Monumentum pietatis ergo dedit dedicatq;

*Vilis inanis homo, meditaris inania, discas
Quam cito vita fugit more fluentis aquae
Armiger hic Kingsley obiit sic omnia currant.
Terra taget terris, quicquid honoris erit.*

Of your Charitie pray for the Soules of John Hedon and Lettice his Wife, whiche John dyed the 15th Day of February, Anno Dom. 1553. for whose Soules Jesu have mercy. Amen.

Pray for the Soules of James Hedon and Johanna his Wife, the which James deceased the 29th Day of March, in the year of our Lord 1503. on whose Soules Jesu have mercy. Amen.

Hund. of
Caithes.

RICKMERESWORTH.

IN old Records this Town was called *Rickmereswearth*, or *Rickmeresweard*, from the Scituation hereof in a Nook of Land, where the River coming from *Chesham* in *Buckinghamshire* falls into the *Colne*, and made here a rich Pool of Water; for *Ric* in the Saxon Language signifies Rich, and *Mear* a Lake or Pool, and *Wearth* or *Weard* a Place scituated between two Rivers, or the Nook of Land where two Waters passing by the two Sides thereof, do enter the one into the other; all which is agreeable to the Scituation of this Place which is about three Miles distant from *Starrt*.

Verst. Restit.
of Decayed
Intelligence, p.
228, 280, 297.

MS. Mr. Cox.

Offa, the great King of the *Mertians*, gave the Mannor of *Ryckmeresworth*, *Crosselen*, *Dachestworth*, and *Mitchelfeld*, with their Appurtenances, to his great Abby of *St. Albans*; and after his Decease *Egfride* his Son, who succeeded him in his Throne, gave the Mannor of *Wynesfeld* to the same Monastery, and King *Etheldred* confirm'd all these Grants to the Abbot of this Church, who held this Mannor in the time of the Conquest, when it was recorded,

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 10.

In *Albaneston Hundred*. Abbas tenuit *Rickmeresworth* pro quindecim hidis se defendebat. Terra est vigint. car. in Dom. quinq; hida, et ibi sunt tres car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri, ibi quatuor Francig. et duo vigint. Vill. cum novem Bordis habentibus quatuor decem car et adhuc un. potest fieri ibi quinq; Cotar. et quinq; Servi, et un. molend. de quinq; sol. et quatuor denar. pratum quatuor car. De piscibus quatuor sol. pastura ad pecud. Silva mille et ducent. porc. in totis valent. valet vigint. lib. et decem sol. Quando recepit duodecem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit et tenet in Dom. Sanct. Albani.

The Abbot of *St. Alban* held *Rickmeresworde* in *Albaneston Hundred*, it was rated for fifteen Hides. The arable is twenty Carucates, in Demeasne five Hides, and there are three Carucates and now two more may be made, there are four Frenchmen born, and two and twenty Villains with nine Bordars, having fourteen Carucates, and now one more may be made, there are five Cottagers, and five Servants, and one Mill of five Shillings and four Pence Rent, Meadow four Carucates, in Fish four Shillings by the Year, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one thousand and two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth twenty Pound and ten Shillings by the Year, when he received it twelve Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) twenty Pounds. He held and doth hold this Mannor in the Demeasne of *St. Albans*.

MS. in Bibl.
Cottoni.

Since this time King *Hen. I.* and King *John* confirmed the Grants of this Mannor and those of *Dachestworth*, *Crosselen*, and *Mitchelfeld* to the Church of *St. Alban*; and King *H. III.* granted to the Abbot and Monks hereof, a Market to be held on Wednesday in every Week, in the Vill of *Ryckmeresworth*; and upon an Inquisition it was found Anno 6 *Edw. I.* that this Mannor was ancient Demeasne, and time out of Mind, before the Conquest, in the Hands of the Predecessors of the Abbot and Convent of *St. Albans*, and the Abbot acknowledged the same; shortly

Inq. 6 Ed. I.
cur. recept.
Scac.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*



after *Jeoffrey*, one of the Abbots of this Church, gave to the Sacrist hereof this Church of *St. Mary, Ryckmearesworth*, and *John de Whethamsted*, another famous Abbot of the same Monastery, having the Mannor of *Wigging* in this Parish by Escheat, gave it to the same Abby, and the Abbots enjoy'd all these Mannors until the time of the Dissolution of that Church, which happen'd *Anno 31 Hen. VIII.* then they fell to the Crown.

King Edw. VI. by Charter dated the 22d April, 4 *Regni sui*, granted to *Nicholas Ridley*, then Bishop of London, the Mannor, Rectory, and Church of *Rickmansworth*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances belonging to the late dissolved Monastery of *St. Albans*, and also the Advowson and Right of Presentation to the Vicaridge of the Church of *Rickmansworth*, late belonging to the Monastery, with divers other Mannors to hold of the King in free, pure, and perpetual Alms, rendring therefore yearly one hundred Pounds payable at the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

But when Queen *Mary* came to the Crown she deprived him of the Bishoprick, restored *Edmond Bonner* to it, and by Letters Patents dated the third Day of March, 1 *Mary*, granted to this Mannor, Rectory, Church, Advowson, and Right of Presentation to the said Vicaridge in the Words mentioned in the former Grant to *Edmond* Bishop of London, and his Successors for ever; but afterwards this Mannor returned to the Crown, and *King Charles I.* by Letters Patents dated 3 *Regni sui*, granted it to the six Clerks in *Chancery*, for the Security of the Payment of a Sum of Money; at length that King and the six Clerks convey'd it to *Hewet*, who sold it to

Sir Thomas Fotherley, Kt. who had Issue *John, Thomas*, and *Lucy*, and upon his Death, it descended to

John Fotherley, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff of this County in the Year of Christ 1652, and the fourth Year of *King Charles II.* is a Justice of Peace for the County and Liberty of *St. Albans*, and the present Lord of this Mannor; his Arms are *Gules, a Fess dancette Or*; Crest on a Wreath, a broken Lance in Saltire Or, headed Argent insignd with a Penoncell slit Silver, charged with a Cross *Gules*: He had Issue

Thomas, married to *Frances* Daughter to *Edw. Seymour* of *Woodlands* in the County of *Dorset*, Esq. knighted at *Windsor*, on the 29th of July, 1681, and since deceased without Issue.

John, who was swallowed up with his Daughter his only Child in the Earthquake at *Jamaica*, and *Dorothy* who married *Robert Wankford* of *Topsteild* in the County of *Essex*, Gent. but since died without Issue.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

The Mannor of CROSSELY

WAS Parcel of the Revenue of the Abby of *St. Albans*, and upon the Dissolution of that Church, came to the Crown. Queen *Eliz.* granted it to Dr. *Caius*, who was her Physician in Ordinary; he built a fair Addition to *Gonville-hall* in *Cambridge*, converted it from a Hall to a Colledge, and added this Mannor to the Revenue thereof, and *Robert Brady*, M. D. the Custos, and the Fellows and Scholars of that Society are the present Lords hereof.

This Colledge bears the Arms of the Founders, *Edward Gonville* and *John Caius*, in *Pale within a Bordure gobonee Silver and Sables*, viz. For *Gonville* *Argent, on a Cheveron Sable between two Couples-close Dancette of the same three escallop Shells Or*; and for *Caius*, *Gold, semeyed with Floure gentyl in the Middle of the Cheif Seagreen over the Heads of two whole Serpents in Pale, their Tails knit together, all in proper Colour, resting upon a square Marble Stone Vert, between their Breasts a Book Sable garnish'd Gules, Buckles Gold.*

The Mannor of the MORE.

Pat. 4 H. VI.
p. 2, m. 10.

IN 4 *Henry VI.* that King granted License to inclose 600 Acres of Land in *Rykenersworth* and *Bedford*, to make a Park, and to imbattle the Scite of the Mannor of *More* in *Rykenersworth*. It was Part of the Possession of *George Nevil*, the youngest Son of *Richard* Earl of *Warwick* and *Salisbury*, who was consecrated Bishop of *Exeter*, Anno 1455, 33 *H. VI.* constituted Chancellor of *England* in the Year 1460, 38 *H. VI.* and consecrated Archbishop of *Dork*, 1466, 5 *Edw. IV.* but afterwards this Mannor came to the Crown, and King *H. VII.* by Letters Patents dated 1 *Regni sui*, in Consideration of the memorable Services which *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford* had performed at *Bosworth-field*, where he commanded the Vaunt-guard for that Army, and was the chief Instrument in the obtaining that Victory, granted this Mannor by the Name of *De la More*, to the said *John* Earl of *Oxford* and *Margaret* his Wife, and to the Heirs of *Margaret*, who was the Daughter of *Richard Nevil* Earl of *Salisbury*, but afterwards it past to the Crown, and King *James I.* at the Request of the Earl of *Bedford*, by Patent dated *An.* 1617, 15th of the same King, granted it to — *Woodward* and — *Lucy*, Esqrs. and their Heirs, who levied a Fine thereof, and declared the Use to the said Earl for Life, the Remainder to *Lucy* his Wife and her Heirs, who by Deed dated Anno 1626, 2 *Car. I.* sold it to

William Earl of *Hembrook*, in Trust for him and his Heirs: He conveyed it by another Deed dated Anno 1631, 7 *Car. I.* to Sir *Charles Harbord* and others in Trust for him, who in the Year 1655, past it to

Sir *Richard Franklin*, who was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated 26th Oct. 1660, 12 Car. II. and served for this County in Parliament the Year following. His Arms *Argent, on a Bend Azure three Dolphins of the Field. The Crest on a Wreath, a Dolphin embowed Argent, struck thro' the Middle with two harping Irons saltier-wise purple, headed Argent.* He sold it in the Year 1672, 24 Car. II. to

Sir *William Bucknal* who was knighted the 20th Day September, An. 1670, and upon his Decease it descended to

Sir *John Bucknal*, who received the Honour of Knighthood on the 23d Day of February, in the Year 1685; served the County of *Middlesex*, in the Parliament held Anno 9 & 10 William III. and is the present Lord hereof. His Arms are *Or, two Chevernels Gules, between three Buck's Heads caboched Sable.*

MORE PARK

WAS anciently Parcel of the Estate of Cardinal Woolsey and the House being a Lodge in the Park, devolv'd to the Crown.

King *James* convey'd it to *Francis* Earl of *Bedford*, for his Life, the Remainder to *Bridget* his Wife and her Heirs; she survived him, and granted it to

William Earl of *Pembroke*, from whom it past to

Robert Cary third Son of *Henry* Lord *Hunsdon*, was knighted, made Warden of the Marshes towards *Scotland*, Anno 40 Eliz. created Lord *Cary* of *Lepington* in the County of *York*, by Patent dated 6th of Feb. 19 Jac. I. Earl of *Monmouth* on the 5th of Feb. 1 Car. I. and died at *More Park*, 12th of Apr. 1639, 15 Car. I. leaving Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, the Daughter of Sir *Hugh Travanian* of *Corsbeigh* in the County of *Cornwall*, Kt. two Sons, *Henry Cary*, made Kt. of the Bath, Anno 1616, at the Creation of *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, and *Thomas*, and one Daughter called *Philadelphia*, married to Sir *Thomas Wharton*, Kt. Son and Heir to this Lord *Wharton*.

Sir *Henry* succeeded, married *Martha* eldest Daughter to *Leonel* Earl of *Middlesex*, by whom he had Issue two Sons, *Leonel* and *Henry*, both whom died in the Life-time of their Father without Issue; and eight Daughters, *Ann* married to *James Hamildon*, Viscount *Clanbop*, and Earl of *Clanbrazel*, *Philadelphia* died unmarried, *Elizabeth*, *Mary* married to *William* Earl of *Desmond*, *Treviana* died unmarried, *Martha* to *John* Earl of *Middleton* in *Scotland*, *Theophila* and *Magdalen* both died unmarried, and he died the 13th of June, 1661, and was buried at *Rickmansworth*.

Shortly after this Seat was sold to Sir *John Francklin*, Kt. who had Issue four Sons, *Richard*, *John*, *George*, and — and died seized hereof, it descended to

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Richard Francklin, who was his Son and Heir, whom I mentioned before; he sold it to

Sir *Charles Harbord*, Kt. from whom it came to

Sir *Richard Franklin*, who aliened it to

James Duke of Ormond.

Dale's Catal.
of Nob.

Thomas Earl of Ormonde, the eldest Son of the Duke of Ormonde, whose Family descended paternally from *Henry Walter*, a great Baron of this Realm in the time of King *H. II.* whose Son *Theobald* assumed the Sirname of *Boteler* by Reason of his Office, which was Butler of Ireland, he was honoured with the Title of Earl of Ormonde, by the most victorious *Edw. III.* King of England, on the 2d of *Novemb. Anno 2 Regni sui*; and *James Butler* or *Boteler*, the present Duke's Grandfather, was created Marquess the 30th of *Aug. 18 Car. I.* Earl of *Wicknock*, and Lord *Butler* of *Lanthorp* in *Wales* the 20th of *July, 12 Car. II.* Duke of Ormonde in Ireland the 13th of *March*, the 13th of King *Charles II.* and a Duke of England, by the Name and Stile also of Duke of Ormonde the 9th of *November, 1682, 34 Car. II.* *Thomas* his eldest Son, (who died before him, and was Father to the present Duke) was by the King's Writ of Summons, dated the 14th Day of *Septemb. 18 Car. II.* 1666, called to the Parliament then sitting at *Westminster*, by the Title of Lord *Butler* of *Moore Park*, and took his Place there accordingly as youngest Baron, and upon the 18th Day of the same Month was elected Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter. In the Month of *Sept. 1672*, made Rere Admiral of the blew Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet, and commanded in that great Sea Fight against the *Dutch*. He married the Lady *Amelea* of *Nassau*, Daughter to *Lewis de Nassau* Lord of *Weertwaert*, Son to the illustrious *Maurice*, late Prince of *Orange*, and Count of *Nassau*, by whom he had Issue three Sons, *James* and *Charles*, another *James* dying young, and four Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to *William* Earl of *Derby*, *Amelia*, *Henrietta*, and *Katharine*, and two others, *Mary* and *Henrietta*, who deceased in their Childhood: He bears *Or*, a Chief indented *Azure*; but shortly after this valiant Lord sold this Seat and Park to

James Fitz Roy, one of the natural Sons of King *Charles II.* who by Letters Patents dated at *Westminster*, the 14th Day of *Feb.* in the 15th Year of *Car. II.* was created Baron of *Windale*, in the County of *Northumberland*, Viscount *Boncaster*, and Duke of *Monmouth*, installed Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, and constituted Master of the Horse; but upon the Accession of King *James II.* to the Crown, this Duke withdrew himself into *Holland*, where he raised an hundred Men, which he landed on the eleventh of *June, Anno 1685*, at *Lint*, in the County of

Dorset, there he rested them about a Week, then marched with them to **Taunton** in **Somersetshire**, a great Clothing Town, where he augmented his Army with divers Journey-men and Apprentices, thence he removed to **Bridgwater**, another great Clothing Town, which increased his Army with great Numbers of raw undisciplin'd Men; from thence he removed forward towards **Bristol**, summon'd that City to surrender; but upon their Refusal he marched with the Lord **Grey** to **Keynsham**, where some Part of his Army pass'd over the River in Order for **Gloucester**, but the Country People failing their Expectation, and he hearing that great Forces were coming from **London** towards them, returned back again to **Bridgwater**, where he was proclaim'd King, and the Lord **Grey** made General of the Horse; but soon after the Earl of **Hereford**, who commanded the King's Army followed them and encamped at **Sedgemoor**, where the Duke of **Monmouth** viewed his Army by a Prospective Glass from off a Steeple of a Church in **Bridgwater**, and observing the Number of Men and Manner of their Encampment, marched with his Army very silently in the next Night to **Sedgemoor**, designing to have past by the King's Army in the Night undiscover'd, and to have surpriz'd the General in his Quarters, but being unexpectedly discover'd by some of the King's Scouts was soon engaged with the whole Army, and mistaking his own Men in the Dark, for the King's, charged upon his own Party, and by Reason hereof was routed on the sixth Day of *July* following; the Duke fled to the **New Forest**, was pursued, found in a Ditch on the eighth of *July*, and brought to **Witchal**, where he was examin'd, sent thence to the Tower, and being attainted by Act of Parliament, was without any Trial executed upon a Scaffold on **Tower-hill**, on the fifteenth Day of *July*, where his Head was sever'd from his Body, and his Body was privately interr'd in the Chappel in the Tower: He married the Lady **Anne** Daughter and sole Heir of **Francis** Earl of **Buttburgh** in **Scotland**, by whom he had Issue two Sons, **Charles** who died *An. 11 Ætat. suæ*, **James**, **Anne**,——— and after the Decease of this Duke, this Seat came to

Anne his Dutchess, who married **Charles** Lord **Cornwallis**, Baron of **Cornwallis** of **Epe**, in the County of **Suffolk**, and Baronet, who in her Right, is Possessor hereof. His Arms are *Sable, gutté argent, on a Fess of the second three Cornish Choughs proper.*

*Hand. of
Catsbor.*

*Dale's Catal.
of Nob. p.150.*

The Mannor of MICHELFELD

WAS Part of the Revenue of the Saxon Kings, and King **Offa** gave the same with divers other Mannors to the Church of **St. Albans** in the Year 795, 35 *Regni sui*, and the **Abbots** held it to the time of the Dissolution of their Monas-

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tery, when it came to the Crown, and since to the Family of the *Robinsons* in *Suffolk*, whereof *John Robinson, Esq.* is the present Owner hereof.

The Mannor of WOODOAKES

WAS the ancient Seat of the *Colts*, whereof Sir *John Colt* had Issue *John*, who held it some time, from him issued *Gentillis*, who was his Daughter and Heir, and married Sir *Benjamin Titchburne*, who received the Honour of Knighthood on the 20th Day of *January*, in the Year of Christ 1669. His Arms, *Vary Chief, Or; Crest on a Wreath, a Hind's Head coupé proper between two Wings Gules*; he was the Son of *Francis Titchborne* of the Parish of *Adverspot* in the County of *Southampton*, Esq. Son of Sir *Walter Titchborne*, and in Right of his Lady, is the present Owner hereof. His Arms are *Vary Argent and Azure a Chief Or.*

E Relations
Ben. Titch-
borne, Mil.

*Stow's Survey
of London,
fol. 384.
Fuller's Wor-
thines, tit.
Herts.*

Above this Mannor-house upon the *Warren Hill* is an *Echo*, which will repeat to a Trumpet twelve times together.

This Town was honoured with the Birth of Sir *Thomas White*, who was a Merchant Taylour of *London*, and Lord Mayor of the same City, Anno 1553. He built *Gloucester-hall*, and afterwards erected and endowed *St. John's College* in *Oxford*, and gave great Sums of Money to several Corporations to be employed circularly for the Benefit of the poor Freemen who resided there.

THIS Vicaridge Anno 26 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 16*l.* per Annum and ——— is Patron hereof.

The VICARS.

William Edmonds, D. D.
Samuel Pecker

Robert Brewse
John James.

This Church is erected in the Deanery of *St. Alban*. in the Diocess of *London*, is a fair Church covered with Lead, with a square Tower at the West End of it, wherein is a Ring of five Bells, and a Spire upon the Tower covered also with Lead; and within the Chancel and Church are several Monuments and Gravestones, which have these Inscriptions.

A Monument in the Chancel raised about five Foot.

Here lies interred (in hopes of a joyful Resurrection) the Body of the Right Honourable *Henry Cary* Baron of *Levington* Earl of *Monmouth*, and *Elizabeth Trevanion* his Wife, which *Robert* was the tenth Son to *Henry Cary* Baron of *Bunsdon*, he died the 13. of June Anno Domini 1661. aged 65 years. He was married 41 years to the Lady *Martha Cranfeild* eldest Daughter to *Lionel* Earl of *Middlesex*, and had by her ten Children, two Sons and eight Daughters, *videlicet*, *Lyonel*, the eldest never married, was slain anno Domini 1644. at *Marston Moor* fight in his Majesties service, and *Henry* who died of the Small Pox, anno Domini 1649. and lies interred at the *Taboy*. He left no issue but one Son since deceased, also the last Heir male of this Earls Family, the Daughters were as followeth *Anne, Philadelphia, Elizabeth, Mary, Trevania, Martha, Theophila, and Magdalen.*

Within this place lies also Buried the Bodies of the abovenamed *Robert* Earl of *Monmouth*, *Elizabeth*, Countess of *Monmouth* his Wife, and the Ladies *Philadelphia, Trevania, Theophila, and Magdoline Cary*; and

the Bodies of *James Lord Clensby* and the *Lady Jane Hambleton* his Sister, being the Children of the aforesaid *Lady Anne Cary*, which she had by *James Hambleton* Viscount *Clensby* Earl of *Clanbrassill* of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

*Hand. of
Caishoe.*

Sacred to the Memory

Of the Right Honourable the *Lady Elizabeth Cary* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of the Right Honourable *Henry Lord Cary* Baron of *Weyington* and Earl of *Monmouth*, she died the 14. of *December* in the year of our Lord 1676: and in the 46. year of her Age, having lived all her time Unmarried, but now expecting a joyful Resurrection, and to be joyned to her only Spouse and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, lies here interred near the said Earl her Father.

Here lies interred the Body of *James Hambleton Lord Clensby*, eldest Son to *James* Earl of *Clanbrassill*, born *September* the 7th. 1642. Deceased *May* the 8th. 1658.

Here lies buried the Bodies of *Thomas Fotherley*, Gent. and *Tabitha* his Wife, one of the Daughters of *Giles Howse*, Gent. which *Tabitha* departed this Life the 19th. day of *June* in the year of our Lord God 1584. being about 36. years old, the said *Thomas Fotherley* departed also this Life the 23. day of *April* 1624. being aged 80. years or thereabouts; they had issue between them *Thomas* their only Son, *Mary* and *Martha* their Daughters; *Thomas* in testimony of his Duty and Love towards his said Parents caused this Stone to be made.

Here lieth the Body of *Timothy Neal*, Esq; Son of *John Neal* late of *Beale* in the County of *Bedford*, who died, the 27. day of *January* in the year 1679.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Mrs. Anne Neal*, the Daughter of *John Neal*, of *Neithertane* in the County of *Bedford*, Esq; She departed the 17. day of *January* 1672.

Here lieth the Body of *Gidion Awnsbam*, Esq; Son of *Nicholas Awnsbam* of *Heston* in the County of *Middlesex*, Gent. who departed this Life on the 17. of *September* 1648.

He first took to Wife, *Margaret* Daughter and Coheir of *Gidion Awnsbam* of *Heston* aforesaid, Esq; and after *Margaret* Daughter of *Mathew Nicholas* of *Millinton* in *Middlesex*, Gent. Aged 46. years.

Francisca Horne mater Johannis Colt, Militis, hic jacet quæ Sepulta fuit 29. die Decemb. 1630.

In confidentia beatæ resurrectionis restat.

As Nature yeilds us breath and life, so death draws on by kind.

By death again the only Faith in Christ eternal life we find.

A Proof behold by one that did enjoy my vital breath

Near twenty and nine years and she gave place to death.

An Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, I *Roger Coult* by name,

I was like you, and now am Earth, as you shall be the same.

Of one Son and one Daughter eke the Lord me Father made.

And in my youthful years of Life bereft here under laid.

He died the first of *December* 1575.

A Monument in the Wall.

Memoria Sacrum.

Here under lieth the Body of *John Colt* late of *Rickmersworth* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq; Son and Heir of *Roger Colt*, Esq; which *John* married *Frances* one of the Daughters of *Ralph Woodcock*, late of *London* Alderman, by whom he had issue three Sons, viz. *John*, *Rowland*, and *Thomas*, and four Daughters, viz. *Mary*, *Ursula*, *Mary*, and *Elizabeth*, and he departed this Life the 20. of *April*, anno Domini 1610. being about 32. years of age.

To whose Memory the said *Frances* his most loving Wife hath caused this Monument to be erected.

Head, of
Cairnes.



Here lieth Buried under this stone
The Body of *Thomas Day*
And his two Wives *Alice* and *Jeanne*
Alice } deceased { the 10th. of June 1585.
Jeanne } the 6th. of August 1598.
Thomas } the 10th. of July 1612.
The times here see you may
These three no doubt had Faith in Christ
Their sins for to forgive
And they can tell that knew them well
The Poor they did relieve.

In the Chapple or Burial Place of the *Abbies*.

Here lieth *Anne Ashby* Wife of *John Ashby* of *Herfield*, Esq; Daughter
of *Thomas Peyton* of *Iselham*, Esquire; who died the 22. of October
1563. on whose Soul *God* have mercy. Amen.

Here ly buri'd under this stone
Thomas Davy and his two Wives *Alice* and *Jean*.

WATFORD

IS scituated upon the River *Colne*, about three Miles distant from *Rickmersworth*, towards the North-west, and was denominated from *Wat* *Ford*, at the South End of the Town; it was anciently Parcel of that large Revenue, which that great and magnificent King *Offa* so generously gave to the Monastery of *St. Alban*, and divers of his royal Successors confirmed this noble Gift, with the Additions of many large Immunities and Priviledges; among whom King *Hen. I.* granted that the Abbots and their Successors should have a Market in this Town; and King *Edw. IV.* by Letters Patent dated at *Bolington*, 1 November, 1469, 9 *Edw. IV.* granted to them two Fairs to be held in this Town for Victuals, and other Things, to continue for five Days, to wit, one to be held on *Monday* in the Morrow of the Holy Trinity, and to continue for two Days then next following, and the other to be held on the Day and the Morrow of the Decollation of *St. John Baptist*, with all the Liberties and Freedom belonging to Fairs; and these Abbots and Monks successively possess and enjoyed this Manor until the Dissolution of their Monastery, which happened on the fifth Day of *Dec. Anno* 1549, 38 *Hen. VIII.* when they surrendered it to the King's Visitors; and it came to the Crown, where it remained until King *James I.* by Letters Patent dated at *Westminster*, the 24th Day of *July*, 1609, 7 *Regni sui*, freely granted to *Thomas Marbury* and *Richard Cartwright* of *London*, Gent. and their Heirs, all the Mannor of *Watford*, in this County, with all and every the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, all the Rents of the Freeholders amounting to 11*l.* 16*s.* 08*d.* per ann. all the Rents of Assize of customary Tenants amounting to 6*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* ob. per Annum, all moveable Rents being 1*s.* 6*d.* per Annum, of the Price of one Quarter of Oats for

certain Lands late in the Possession of *Thomas Woodward*, that Messuage or Tenement called *Barwards* in *Clatford*, and the House built thereon, all those Lands, Meadows, and Pasture belonging to it of the yearly Rent of 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* all that Piece of waste Ground in *Neto Street*, which *Robert Bateman* had by Copy of Court Roll, two Acres of Land in *Corsep-hedge*, also all the Toll of the Market of the Vill of *Clatford*, and the Toll of the two Fairs there, with all the Perquisites and Profits of Court valued one Year with another at 117*l.* 08*d.* 0*b.* and all Court Leets, Views of Franc-pledge, and Law-days, Assize and Assay of Bread, Wine, and Ale, Waifes, Estraites, Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, of Felons of themselves, put in Exigent, Condemned, Outlawed, Deodands, Knight's Fees, Wards, Marriages, Releifes, Heriots, Escheats, Fines, Amerceaments, Free-warrens, and all other Rights, Jurisdictions, and Profits, in as large and ample Manner as any Abbots of the late Monastery of *St. Albans* enjoyed the same, excepting the Advowson and Right of Patronage of all the Churches, Vicaridges, Chappels, and other ecclesiastical Benefits whatsoever belonging to the same, all which Mannor and Premises were granted to the said *Thomas Marbury* and *Richard Cartwright* in Trust for the Right Honourable *Thomas Lord Egerton*, Baron of *Blesmere*, Lord Chancellor of England, in Consideration of the great Services which he hath done for the Crown: from this great Lord this Mannor is descended to

John Earl of Bridgewater, his rightful Descendant, and the present Lord hereof, whom I intend to treat of when I shall come to *Ashridge*, that noble Seat where his Lordship now resides.

The Mannor of CAISHOBURY.

WHEN the *Romans* invaded this Island the Inhabitants hereof were called *Casii* or *Cassians*, as some think in Respect of their martial Prowess: They were governed at that time by *Cassivelaunus*, or rather *Cassibelinus*, for *Belinus* then signified the chief King, Prince, or Ruler, as *Cenobelinus*, Prince of the *Itentians*, and was the common Name which the Inhabitants of this Isle gave at that time to their chief King: He was without Doubt the most Potent Prince among them, for all the other Kings of this Land chose him to lead their Armies against the *Romans*, and when the Enemy approacht near *Verulam*, he commanded *Cingetorix*, *Carvilius*, *Taximagulus*, and *Segonax*, four Kings in *Kent*, to set upon the Roman Camp, where their Navy was kept, with all the Power they could make, that by this Means they might give *Cesar* a Diversion, and oblige him to call back his Army. There is a Tradition that this was the

*Hund. of
Caishob.*

*Cand. Brit.
fol. 301.
Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol. 9.*

*Ibid.
Cesar's Com.
fol. 99.*

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

royal Seat of *Cassibeline*, and 'tis very probable, for the Name of this Place in the British Language imports the Dwelling-place or Habitation of *Cassi*, and is scituated very conveniently for his chief City of *Verulam*.

When the *Saxons* subdued this Realm by Conquest, and divided the Government hereof into an Heptarchy, this Mannor was made a Seat of the Mertian Kings, and continued in their Possession until King *Offa* gave it Anno 33rd of his Reign to enlarge the Revenue of the Monastery of *St. Alban*, and the Abbots of that Church held it in the time of the Conqueror, when it was recorded that

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135, n. 10.*

In Albaneston Hundred. ten. Caissou pro viginti hidis se defendebat de his ten. Abbas novemdecim. Terra viginti. duo car. in Dominio sex hida, et ibi sunt quinq; car. et sexta potest fieri, ibi tres Francig. et 36 Vill. cum octo. Bordis habentibus quindecim car. et adhuc una potest fieri, ibi tres Bordi adhuc et duo servi, et quatuor molend. de sex viginti. sol et octo denar. pratum duo viginti. car. pastura ad pec Siloa mille porc. in totis valent valet octo viginti. lib. Quando recepit quatuor viginti. lib. tempore Regis Edwardi triginti. lib Hoc Manerium tenuit et tenet Sanctus Albanus in Dominio.

*Ibid. fol. 139,
n. 33.*

In Albaneston in Caissou ten. Turoldus de Golsfrido de Maneville unam hidam. Terra est un. car. sed non est ibi, pratum un. car. Siloa triginti. porc. valet et valet quinq; sol. tempore Regis Edwardi viginti. sol hanc terram tenuit Alavinus Venator homo Eddid. Regina et vendere potuit hanc apponit Golsfridus in Busset ubi non fuit in tempore Regis Edwardi.

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held *Caishoe* in *Albaneston Hundred*, it was rated at twenty Hides, the Abbot held nineteen of them. The arable is two and twenty Carucates, in Demeasne six Hides, and there are five Carucates, and a sixth may be made, there are three Frenchmen born, and thirty six Villains with eight Bordars having fifteen Carucates, and now one other may be made, there are now three Bordars, and two Servants, and four Mills of six and twenty Shillings and eight Pence Rent by the Year, Meadow two and twenty Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one thousand Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth eight and twenty Pounds by the Year, when he received it four and twenty Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) thirty Pounds; *St. Alban* did hold and doth hold this Mannor in his Jurisdiction.

Turold held one Hide of *Golsfride de Maneville* in *Caishoe* in *Albaneston Hundred*. The arable is one Carucate, but now there is not so much, Meadow one Carucate, Wood to feed thirty Hogs; it is worth and was worth five Shillings by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) twenty Shillings; *Alwias* a Huntsman to Queen *Editha* held this Land and might sell it, *Golsfride* laid this Land to *Busset* where it was not in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor.)

By the great Quantity of Land contained here in *Caishoe*, it seems all the Land mentioned before in *Watford* is comprehended within it; since which time several Princes of this Realm have confirmed the Gift of these Mannors to the Church of *St. Albans*; and upon an Inquisition Anno 6 *Edw. I.* the Jury found that the Mannors of *Caishoe*, *Hykemeresworth*, and *Saundersdige* were ancient Demeasne, held of the King time out of Mind before the Conquest of *England*, in the Hands of the Predecessors of the Abbots of *St. Albans*, and the Abbot acknowledged it; and he held the Mannors of *Sandrigg*, *Rapshoe*, *Langley*, *Childwipck*, *Oxenev*, *Crickeshoe*, and *Cydering* in Capite of the King, of the Service of four Knight's Fees, and an Half; and the

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1.*

*Inq. 6 Ed. I.
Rot. 33, cur.
recept. Scac.*

Ibid. Rot. 56.

Abbots and Monks of that Church successively enjoyed it in their Turns until the time that their Monastery was dissolved, when it came to

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

King *H. VIII.* who by Letters Patents dated the 20th of *Aug.* in the 37th Year of his Reign, conveyed to *Richard Morisin*, Esq. this Mannor of *Catshoebury*, Court Leet, View of Franc-pledge, Goods, and Chattels, waifed Goods, and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, Felons of themselves, Deodands, Estraises, Liberties, Emoluments, and Hereditaments whatsoever, in as large and ample Manner as the Abbots held the same.

This *Richard Morisin* was in the time of his Youth, bred up in the University, where he studied Philosophy; and when he had attained to some Perfection of Knowledge in the Latin and Greek Tongues, and the liberal Arts, he removed thence to the Inns of Court, where he became well skilled in the Common and Civil Law, and by Reason of his great Learning, obtained much Esteem and Favour with King *H. VIII.* and *Edw. VI.* so that they often employed him upon several Ambassages to the Emperor *Charles V.* and the mightiest Princes in their times; he proving both honest and able in the Performance of all these Negotiations: He married *Bridget*, Daughter of *John Lord Hussey* of *Stretford* in the County of *Lincoln*, by whom he had Issue *Charles*, who was his Heir, and two Daughters, *Jana Sibella* married to *Edward Lord Russel*, eldest Son to the Earl of *Bedford*, and after his Decease to *Arthur Lord Grey* of *Wilton*; and *Elizabeth* married to *William Norris*, Esq. Son and Heir apparent to *Henry Lord Norris*: he began a fair and large House in this Place, scituated upon a dry Hill not far from a pleasant River in a fair Park; and had prepared Materials for the finishing hereof, but before the same could be half built, he was forced to fly beyond the Seas, and returning out of *Italy* died at *Strasburgh*, on the 17th Day of *March*, Anno 1556, 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, to the great Grief of all good Men: After his Decease this Mannor came to the Possession of

Bridget his Widow, who enjoyed it; and *An. 1561*, 3 *Eliz.* married *Henry* Earl of *Rutland*, who was made Lord President of the Council for the Northern Parts of this Realm in the same Year, and installed Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, during whose Intermarriage, Courts were held in both their Names for this Mannor: He died without Issue by her upon the 17th of *Sept.* 1563, 5 *Eliz.* after his Decease she married *Francis* Earl of *Bedford*, who died without any Issue by her, on the 28th of *July*, Anno 1585, 27 *Eliz.* in the 58th Year of his Age: Afterwards she died the 12th of *Jan.* Anno 1600, 43 *Eliz.* and in the 75th Year of her Age.

Bar. of Engl.
vol. 2, fol 267

Ibid. fol. 280.

*Hand. of
Caishet.*
Eliz. Pp. 21
Rot.

Sir *Charles Morisin*, Knight, Son and Heir of Sir *Richard Morisin* and *Bridget* his Wife, succeeded, was constituted Sheriff for this County, *Anno* 1579, 21 *Eliz.* and married *Dorothy*, the Daughter of *Nicholas Clerk*, Esq. by whom he had two Children, *Charles* his only Son, and *Bridget* his sole Daughter, married to *Robert* Earl of *Sussex*: He compleatly finished the House which his Father begun, and died the Day before the Calends of *April*, *Anno* 1599, 41 *Eliz.* in the 51st Year of his Age: After his Death this Mannor came to the Lady

Dorothy Morisin his Relict, who held Courts here from the second Year of King *James I.* in her own Name, to the fourth Year of the same King inclusive: Upon her Decease this Mannor descended to

Pat. 9 Jac. 1.

Sir *Charles Morisin*, Knight, Son and Heir of Sir *Charles*, who was made a Baronet by Letters Patents dated 22nd *May*, 1611, *Anno* 9 *Jac. I.* invested with the honourable Order of the Bath at the Coronation of King *Charles I.* in the year 1625, 1 *Car. I.* He served for the Borough of *St. Albans* in the Parliament held at *Westminster*, 17th of *May*, 1 *Car. I.* For the Borough of *Hertford*, in the Parliament held 1628, 4 *Car. I.* And for this County in the Parliament held 21 *Jac. I.* He married *Mary* the second Daughter of Sir *Baptist Hicks*, Viscount *Cambden*: He gave *Or, on a Chief Gules, three Chaplets of the first*; and died on the 20th of *August*, leaving only *Elizabeth*, his sole Daughter and Heir.

William Moryson of Chardwell in the County of York.

William Moryson. = Elizabeth, Da. to Roger Lee of Preston in Yorkshire.

Thomas Moryson. = Daughter to Tho. Merrey of Hatfield in Hertfordshire.

Sir Richard Moryson. = Bridget, Daughter to John Lord Hunsey, after his decease she married Henry Earl of Rutland, after him Francis Earl of Bedford, by which two last husbands, she had no Issue.

Jana Sibilla. = Edw. 1st Russell, eldest Son to the Earl of Bedford, Arthur Lord Grey of Wilton.

Sir Charles Moryson. = Dorothy, Da. of Nicholas Clark, Esq.

Edw. = Will. Norris, Heir apparent of H. L. Norris.

Sir Charles Moryson. = Mary, youngest Daughter and Coheir to Sir Baptist Hicks, Viscount Cambden.

Bridget. = Robert Earl of Sussex

Kt. and Bar.

Elizabeth Moryson, sole Da. and Heir, mar. Arthur Lord Capel, Baron of Hadham.

From whom this Mannor is come by Right of Inheritance to *Algernoon* Earl of *Essex*; of whose noble Family I have already treated in the Parish of *Little Hadham*, to which I refer the Reader.

The Mannor of the GROVE

WAS the ancient Seat of the *Heydons*, whereof *John Heydon* died seized, on the first of *March*, 1408, leaving Issue

William, who was his Heir, and married the Daughter of *Robert Aubury* of the County of *Bucks*, by whom he had *William*, who married *Alice* Daughter of *Alexander Newton*, whose Heir was

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Catshee.*


Henry Heydon: He married *Anne* Daughter and Heir of *Edward Twyhoe* of *Chipton* in the County of *Gloucester*.

Francis was his Heir, constituted Sheriff for this County Anno 25 *Eliz.* and married *Frances* the Daughter of *Arthur Longuille*, Esq.

Edward Heydon succeeded, and gave for his Arms, Quarterly *Argent* and *Azure*, a *Cross ingrailed*, quarterly counterchanged; Crest on a *Wreath*, a *Talbot passant Argent*, spotted *Sable*.

This pleasant Seat was alienated from this Family to the Ancestors of *Sir Dennis Hampton* of *Buckinghamshire*, who sold it to

Robert Ashton, Esq. who was the eldest Bencher of *Lincolns Inn* for divers Years together, and upon his Decease it descended to

William Ashton, Esq. his Son and Heir, and the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannor of GARSTON.

JOHN de Frumentarius, otherwise called *John of Abbe-thamsted*, the thirty third Abbot of the Monastery of *St. Albans*, about the latter End of the Reign of King *Edw. IV.* purchased this Mannor for the Use of that Church, and the Abbots enjoyed it till their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown; from whence it was granted to *Richard* and *John Randoll*, who held it in the time of *Edward VI.* by the yearly Rent of 11. 8s. from whom it came to *Robert Carle*, who married *Petronel* Daughter of *William Curete*, by whom he had Issue *William Carter*, whose Arms were *Argent*, a *Cheveron Sable* between three *Catharine Wheels Vert*; Crest upon a *Wreath*, on a Mount proper a *Talbot sejant*, reposing his dexter Foot on an *Escoccheon Argent*, charged with a *Catharine Wheel Vert*: and he sold it to *John Marsh*, Esq. who died seized hereof; from whom it descended to *Joseph Marsh*, who was his Son and Heir, and is the present Owner hereof.

The Mannor of MERIDEN

WAS another Parcel of the Revenue of the Church of *St. Albans*, which the Abbots enjoyed till the time of their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown; from whence it was granted to *Anthony Denny*, Esq. one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, and Groom of the Stool. He held it of the King by the yearly Rent of 11. 4s. 6d. from whom it descended to *Sir Henry Denny* his Son; and from him it

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Catsbor.*

descended to *Edward Denny* his Son, who was knighted *An. 1589, 31 Eliz.* and summon'd to Parliament by the Title of Lord *Denny of Baltham Holp Cross, Anno 3 Jac. I.* and he sold this Mannor *Anno 5 Jacob. I.* to *Robert Biscoe* of *Adenham* in this County, Esq. whose Ancestors descended from the second House from *Westward* in *Cumberland*: His Arms are *Argent, three Grey-hounds current in pale Sable*; Crest on a Wreath, a Grey-hound in full Course Sable with a Hare in his Mouth proper: This *Robert* aliened it to *Thomas Ewre* of the *Lea*, who sprung from the second Branch descended from ——— *Ewre* of *Huntonbridge* in *Abbots Langley*: His Arms were *Or, a Tyger passant Sable, on a Chief Gules, three Crosses formee Argent*; Crest on a Wreath, a Pheon's Head with a Piece of the Shaft therein *Or, enwrapt by a Snake Vert*: and he is the present Possessor hereof.

The Mannor of CAROLAND

WAS a small Mannor, another Parcel of the Possessions of the Church of *St. Albans*, and falling to the Crown upon the Dissolution was afterwards conveyed to the Warden and Fellows of *Merton Colledge* in *Oxford*, who are the present Possessors hereof.

The Mannor of BYRSTON

WAS Parcel of the Revenue of King *Offa*, which he gave to the Monastery of *St. Albans, Anno 795, 35 Regni sui*, and the Abbots held it till the fatal Year of their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown, and King *H. VIII.* conveyed it to *Anthony Denny, Esq.* from whom it passed as the Mannor of *Meriden* did, until it came to the *Kentishes*, and ——— *Kentish* died seiz'd hereof, leaving two Daughters, who were his Coheirs; whereof one married *Godman Jenkings* of *Harpenden, Esq.* the other *Thomas Nicholl* of *Bushp, Gent.* who in Right of their Wives, are the present Owners.

The Mannor of OXEY

WAS denominated from Sir *Richard de Orey, Kt.* who granted to God and the Church of *St. Albans*, all his Land which *Osbert West* sometime held in the Vill of *Oxep*, with the Meadow belonging to the same Land, and the Pasture in all his Woods and Lands in the same Vill, which lies between the Land of *Richard Pinnore* of the one Part, and the Land late *Henry Boinards* of the other Part; to have and to hold to them and their Successors the aforesaid Lands, with the Houses, Gardens, Woods, Meadows, Pastures, Ways, Waters, Rents, Homages, Releases, Services, Wards, Escheates, and all other things whatsoever belonging to the

Land, in pure and perpetual Alms : The Witnesses were Sir *William Aete*, Kt. then Steward of the Liberty of *St. Albans*, Sir *Roger de Dachworth*, Sir *William de Gorham*, Kts. *Edward Aynelle*, *John Kenelone*, *Gregory Halegod*, *William de Okerlee*, *William de Bolum*, Clerk, *Roger de Wymandeham*, and others; and the Abbots held it to the Dissolution of their Church, when it came to the Crown; from whence, I suppose, it was conveyed to — *Heydon*, and one of that Name sold it to

*Hund. of
Caishoe,*

Sir *James Altham*, Knight of the Bath, Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, whom I have mentioned before in the Parish of *Buckland*; he died, and lies interred with his Lady in the Chappel belonging to this Place; and left Issue only one Daughter and Heir, who married

John Lord Vaughan, Earl of *Carberry*, and being possessor hereof in her Right, sold it to

John Heydon, Esq. who was knighted, but having Issue only one Daughter, upon her Marriage with Sir *Edward Boughton*, whose Ancestor was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 4th of *Aug. Anno 1641*, 17 *Car. I.* he gave her a considerable Portion, and sold this Mannor to

Sir *William Bucknal*, who was knighted on the 20th of *Sept. 1670*, made Alderman of the City of *London*, built a fair House here, and died leaving Issue

John Bucknal, who was his Son and Heir, knighted on the 23rd of *Feb. 1685*, and married *Mary* Daughter of Sir *John Read* of *Brocket Hall* in the Parish of *Watfield*, in this County, Bart. and is the present Possessor hereof.

The Rectory was granted to *John Lord Russel*, who held it in the time of King *Henry VI.* by the yearly Rent of 2s. 4d. from whom it passed to the *Morisins*, and from them to *Arthur Lord Capel*, by the Marriage of *Elizabeth*, the Daughter and Heir of Sir *Charles Morisin* of *Caishoe Burp*, from whom it descended to *Arthur Earl of Essex*, and from him to *Algernoon*, the present Earl and Owner thereof.

THIS Vicaridge, *Anno 26 H. VIII.* was valued in the King's Books at 21l. 12s. per Ann. of which the Abbots of *St. Albans* were anciently Patrons; but since, the Advowson past with the Mannor, and *Algernoon Earl of Essex* is the present Patron hereof.

VICARS.

<i>Anthony Watson.</i>	1659 <i>William Davenant.</i>
1629 <i>Cornel Burges, D.D.</i>	1661 <i>John Goodman, D.D.</i>
<i>John Smith.</i>	1675 <i>John Berrow, the present</i>
<i>Philip Goodwin.</i>	Vicar.

This Church is situated near the Middle of the Town, and contains three large Isles, with a fair Chancel at the East End, and two Chappels on either Side of the Chancel, whereof the largest was built by Sir *Charles Morisin*, where the Lords of *Caishoe Burp* are interred: The Church, Chancel, and Chappels are covered with Lead; at the West End of the Church adjoyns a square Tower, in which hang a Ring of six Bells, with a short Shaft or Spire erected thereupon.

*Hund. of
Caispor.*

In the first Chappel, which belongs to *Caisporburg*, you may behold a fair and costly Monument erected on the North Side hereof, whereon the Effigies of a noble Lady standing in an Arch, defended with two Marble Columns on either Side, kneeling upon a Cushion, having a short Cloak over her Shoulders, and a Gown girt round her, with a Sursingle, a Bon-grace, and a Hood tyed behind her, and an Hour Glass plac't before her; with the Words underneath her contained in 1 *John* cap. ii, ver. 17.

Then a Table plac't before her with a Book upon it, and divers Texts in Scripture engrav'd upon it in Words at Length, *Jeb* cap. xix, ver. 25—27, then follows *John* cap. ii, ver. 25, 26, 1 *Thes.* cap. iv, ver. 14. On the Top of the Tomb three Coats of Arms are engrav'd, in the Middle is a Woman's Coat of Arms, with a black Table of Marble underneath; and at the Foot of this Monument lies a Marble with this Inscription.

Seventy two Years of Goodness lies inhum'd
Under this Stone her Bones may be consum'd
By Time, but Memory
Shall with her Soul live to Eternity,
To rich and poor, her Children and her Friends,
Her Life was dedicated, she had no End
But Love and Charity, and her good Mind
God grant to us which here are left behind.

A little Space below follows these Words.

To the Memory of the vertuous Lady *Katherine Rotheram*, late Wife to Sir *John Rotheram*; first espoused to Sir *Robert Hampson*, Kt. and Alderman of *London*, by whom she left two Sons and two Daughters; she departed this Life the 22d of Feb. Anno Dom. 1625, *Ætatis sui* 72.

On the same Side of the Chancel, a very fair and large Monument is erected of Marble, with four large Pillars and a Roof of Marble double hatcht, with a Coat of Arms of the *Morisons*, and his Lady impaled; and a Table within the Arch which shews this Inscription.

Splendidissimo et Clarissimo Viro Domino Carolo Morysono, celeberrimi Ordinis Balearii Equiti Aurato, et Baronetto, eximiam ejus erga Deum Pietatem, erga Homines virtutem, Generis Splendores Ingenii acumen, egratiam in Publicis Provinciis in qua florebat negotiis administrandis prudentiam, et dexteritatem, Corporis, venustatem, Morum Suavitatem, et Elegantiam, Humanitatem, et Beneficentiam, bonis omnibus charissimum, et omni Laude cumulando: Florente adhuc ætate postquam viginti et alterum annos, cum amantissimâ Conjuge concordissimâ, et conjunctissimâ sine Querelâ, seu Nebulâ ullâ, (utroque eorum mutuo amore in Vicem, ita contententâ, ut dubium reliquerent uter in amore superior fuerit) vixisset; immaturâ morte præcepto, dulcissimo et desiderantissimo Conjugi, et Baptistæ et Hickso Morisonis suavissimis Filiolis, in ipso Blandissimo Pueritiæ flore extinctis Maritæ Prænobilis Viri Domini Baptisti Vice Comitissæ Camdden et Baronis de Elmington, Filiarum altera, uxor desolatissima, et mestissima mater, tot Domesticis funeribus contra Votum superstes; hoc Mortale Monumentum Immortalis Amoris et Pietatis, in spem beatæ reparationis, et ad gratissimam dilectissimi Conjugis et virtutum suarum Memoriam perpetuò colendam et celebrandam, Hic majorum suorum Conditorie cum Luctu et Lachrymis posuit et consecravit.

A little beneath lies the Portraiture of Sir *Charles Morison* in Armor on one Side, leaning upon his right Shoulder with a Death's Head under his Hand; and a little beneath him lies the Effigies of his Lady in her Habit, and under a black Table, whereon is written,

Natus est decimo octavo die Aprilis, Anno Salutis humanæ millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo septimo denatus vicesimo die sextilis Anno Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo octavo unicâ tantum Filiâ superstitis Elizabethâ illustri viro Domino Arthuro Capel amplissimi viri Domini Arthuri Capell, Equitis Aurati et Primogenito Filio Nepoti enuptâ.

The Effigies of two Sons of Sir *Charles Morison* are erected at his Feet and his Daughter standing at his Head.

In the Middle of the Chappel another Monument is erected with the Effigies of a Countess in her Robes edged with Ermine, having a Coronet upon her Head, and a Hart standing by her, with a Collar and a Chain about the Neck of the Hart, and a Cherry-tree between the Hart and her Feet; and the Portraiture of two Gentlemen on each Side of her kneeling upon a Cushion, and this Inscription at the End of the Monument.

*Hund. of
Caishes.*

The Monument of the Lady *Bridget Countess Dowager of Bedford*, a Woman of singular Sincerity in Religion, in civil Conversation and Integrity, in Hospitality bountiful and provident, in all her Actions, discreet and honourable, in great Favour with her Prince, and generally reputed one of the noblest Matrons of England, for her Wisdom and Judgment. She was Daughter to *John Lord Hussey*, and she was thrice married, first to *Sir Richard Morrys*, Kt. then to *Edward Manners*, Earl of Rutland, thirdly to *Francis Russel* Earl of Bedford, and she had Issue only by her first Husband, one Son *Sir Charles Morrys*, Kt. and two Daughters, the one named *Jane Sibilla*, first married to *Edward Lord Russel*, eldest Son to her late Husband the Earl of Bedford, afterwards married to *Arthur Lord Grey*: the other Daughter named *Elizabeth*, was married to *William Norrys*, Esq. Son and Heir apparent to *Henry Lord Norrys*, and Father to *Francis* the now Lord *Norrys*, at whose Charges this Monument was here erected, being her sole Executor and Nephew, who hath married the Lady *Bridget Vere*, Daughter to *Edward Earl of Oxford*, after *Elizabeth* the second Daughter married *Henry Clinton* Earl of Lincoln.

This noble Countess of Bedford living 75 years in most honourable Reputation died most quietly answerable to her Life, in perfect Sense and Memory, the 12th of January 1600, in the 48. year of our most Gracious Sovereign Queen *Elizabeth*.

Another Monument below it in the middle Isle supported by six Marble Pillars, on which lies the Effigies of a Baroness in her Robes with a Coronet at her Feet, and a Lyon issuing out of the Coronet, and at the West End is a Table of Marble with this Inscription.

To the Virtue, Honour, and Memory of the Right Honourable Lady Dame *Elizabeth Russel*, Daughter and sole Heir of *Henry Long* of *Stinking* in the County of Cambridge, Esq. Wife of the Right Honourable *Sir William Russel*, Kt. Lord *Russel* of *Chesham* late under the Reign of the most excellent Princess of renowned and most worthy Memory Queen *Elizabeth*, Lord Governour of *Gloucestershire*, and since Lord Deputy of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and one of the Sons of the Right Noble Lord *Francis* late Earl of Bedford; this Lady, besides many commendable Gifts of Nature, wherewith she was liberally indued, for Religion, true Godliness, Chastity, Wisdom, Temperance, virtuous and honourable Conversation, and for many other Respects most worthy to be honoured, and to be reputed and numbered among the principal Matrons of her time. Dame *Dorothy Morrys* a most loving and affectionate Mother, surviving, contrary to the ordinary Course of Nature, and her own Heart's Desire, her most dear and most dearly loving and beloved Daughter hath for the last Office, and for an eternal Pledge of her motherly Love and Affection in the Hope of a glorious and joyful Resurrection consecrated this Monument.

At the East End of this Monument is a Table of Marble which has this Inscription on it.

This noble Lady passing the few and evil Days of her Pilgrimage here in this Vale of Tears, in the often Meditations of Death, and thereby having learned to number her Days did apply her Heart to Wisdom, as appeareth by many holy Meditations and religious Observations, which she, in the Course of hearing and private reading of the Holy Scriptures had conceived, and for her own Use and Comfort, under her own Hand had committed to Writing, and being now grown weary of the Vanity and Vexation of this present Life, by the Instinct of God's good Spirit, whereby she was fully assured of his Love and Promises in Jesus, desired to be dissolved, and to be with Christ, and she having lived Re-

Hand. of
Catspoe.

ligiously, Virtuously, and honourably forty three Years, and of them seven and twenty in holy and unspotted Wedlock, having Issue only Sir Francis Russell, Kt. in the Invocation of God's holy Name, quietly and sweetly slept in the Lord the twelfth Day of June, 164—.

On the South Side of this Chappel stands a Monument with the Arms of the *Morrysons*, and two Angels on either Side with two Trumpets in their Hands, and a double Arch underneath in which were five Cherubims with this Inscription.

Non humili serpit alata virtus.

And the outsides of these Arches are supported by two Marble Pillars, and between the Pillars are two Tables of black Marble, and this Inscription is engraved in the first Table.

Virtuti Honori et æternæ Memoria

Clarissimi et Ornatisimi viri Domini Caroli Morisoni Equitis Aurati, istius Ecclesiæ Patroni hereditarii; et hujus Sacellæ Fundatoris; Patriæ optimo et longè charissimæ, Carolus Morisonus Eques Auratus et Baronettus, pietissimus Filius hanc aram sepulchralem (supremum Amoris et Pietatis Officium parenti bene merenti exolendo) in spem certissimorum gloriæ et beatæ Resurrectionis pienter et officiosè consecravit.

In the other Table is this Subscription.

Qui sumptâ in Uxorem Dorothen, Nicholai Clark, Armigeri, Filiâ, liberis ex eâ duos suscepit adhuc superstites; eundem Carolum Filium unicum; et Filiam itidem unicam Dominam Brigittam, Nobilissimæ viro Roberto Comiti Sussexiæ nlocatum.

Obiit pridie calendæ Aprilis Anno a partu deipara Millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo nono Ætatis suæ quinquagesimo primo.

Underneath these two Tables his Portraiture lies drawn in Armour leaning upon his left Elbow, with his Hand upon the Hilt of his Sword; and under that are two small Tables in Marble with this Inscription upon the first Table.

Patrem habuit amplissimum virum, Dominum Richardum Morisonum, Equitem Auratum, omni nobiliori literaturâ instructissimum, et multis apud Cæsarem aliosque orbis Christiani Principes legationibus magnâ cum laude defunctum.

In the other Table is this Inscription.

Matrem, illustrem heroniam, Dominam Brigidiam, Johannæ Baronis Hussey Filiam, Rutlandiæ, et deinceps Bedfordiæ dotali Jure Commitissam.

At the End of this Monument stands the Portraiture of Sir Charles Morryson in Armour, who was his Son, kneeling on his Knee with a Canopy over his Head, and at the West End stands the Effigies of his Daughter Bridget Countess of Sussex, with a Canopy over her Head.

In the West End of the Chapple lies a Stone with the Portraiture of three Men cut out in Brass in their Cloaks, with this Inscription underneath.

Here lieth buried the Bodies of Henry Dixon George Miller, and Anthony Cooper, who were late Servants to Sir Charles Morryson, Kt. and after retained in Service with Dorothy Lady Morryson his Wife; and Sir Charles Morryson, Kt. and Bart. their Son, by the space of forty Years, in Memory of them the said Dorothy Lady Morryson hath vouchsafed this Stone and Inscription over their Heads; Henry Dixon deceased the 25. June, 1610, George Miller deceased the 5th of April, 1613. Anthony Cooper.....

In the Chancel.

Here lieth in Hope of a joyful Resurrection, the Body of Henry Baldwin of Red Heath in this Parish Son of Henry Baldwin a young Man of especial Meekness and Plainness of Heart, who gave his Soul to God, in the Flower of his Youth, viz. in Anno 1601, January the last; He married

Alice Daughter of *Henry Martin* of *Wbat*, and had by her three Children, *Henry*, *John*, and *Alice*, *John* an Infant died, the other lives to God's good will and pleasure.

*Head. of
Chapell.*

Behold a Pattern plain of Nature's frail Estate
When neither Youth, nor Strength, nor Wealth,
One jot or moment of a time can ought prolong his Date.

Here lieth the Body of *Henry Ewre*, Gent. the only Son of *Henry Ewre* of the *Sea* of this Parish, Esq; who departed this Life the 31. of *January* anno Domini 1653.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Henry Ewre* eldest Son of *Henry Ewre* Esq; of this Parish, who was born the 21. of *June* 1643. and departed this Life the 23. of *December* 1664.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Humphry Ewre* second Son of *Henry Ewre*, Esq; of this Parish, who was born the 24th. day of *August* 1646. and departed this Life the 3d. of *Feb.* 1666.

Here lieth the Body of *Henry Ewre* the Elder, Esq; who departed this Life the 24th. day of *Octob.* 1657. *Ætatis sue* 77.

Here lieth the Body of *Elizabeth Ewre* the only Daughter of *Henry Ewre* the younger, Esq; who lived to the Age of five years and upwards, and deceased the 28th. day of *August*, Anno Dom. 1647.

Here lieth the Body of *James Ewre* the Son of *Henry Ewre* in the County of *Hertford*, Gent. who died the first of *August*, anno Domini 1650.

A Monument in the Wall hath this Inscription.

In Memory of *Henry* of the *Sea*, Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and *Henry Ewre* his only Son, who married *Jane* Daughter of *Humphry Rogers*, Esq; and had issue *Elizabeth*, *Henry*, *Humphry*, *James*, *Thomas* and *David Ewre*.

This Monument was erected by the said Jane, 10 of April 1667. and these following lie here interred, viz.

Elizabeth the Grandchild died the 28. of *August* 1647.

Elizabeth the Grandmother died the 10. of *April* 1649.

James Ewre died the 1st. of *August* 1650.

Henry the Son died the 31st. of *Jan.* 1653.

Henry the Father died the 24th. of *October* 1657.

Henry the Grandchild died the 21st. of *Decemb.* 1664.

Humphry died the 3d. of *February* 1666.

Here resteth under this Marble the Body of *John Marsh* of *Garston*, Esq; who departed this Life the 9th. of *Sept.* an. 1681, Aged 78 years.

In the little Chapple on the South Side.

Here lieth *John Heydon* of the *Grove* Esq; who died ——— 1400.

Here lieth *William Heydon* of *Newstreet* in *Watford*, Esq; and *Joane* his Mother, who built the South Isle of this Church, and died anno 1505.

—— *William Heydon* of *Newstreet* in *Watford*, Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Robert Aubrey* of *Dalley*, Esq; and of *Christian* his Wife, the which *William* deceased the tenth day of *Aug.* an. Dom. 1515. whose Bodies lie in the Abby Church at *Westminster*, the which *William* with *Johanna* his Mother newly builded or finished this Isle or Chapple of *St. Katharine*.

Hic jacet *Hugo de Holes Miler*, quondam *Justiciarius Banci Regis* temporis ——— obiit an. 1415.

Hic jacet *Margaretta*, quæ fuit *Uxor Hugonis* de ——— obiit 1416. 5. die Martii.

Here lieth buried the Body of *Elizabeth* Wife of *John White*, Esq; who departed this Life the 23. of *Novemb.* 1655. *Ætat.* 18.

Hind. of
Cristoph.

This Stone was laid to continue the Memory of *Nicholas Colborne*, Gent. who lieth hereunder buried, he had to Wife *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *John Finck*, with whom he lived in Wedlock 59 years, 4 months, and 14 days, who never had any Children of their own, yet were the means to bring up and Educate many Children; He lived years 81 and departed this Life the 6th. of *April* 1630. his Dear Wife *Elizabeth* surviving hath laid this Stone and lieth hereunder buried. She departed the 8th. day of *July* 1641.

Here lieth the Body of *Elizabeth* Wife of Mr. *Richard Roberts* of *London* Family in *St Andrews*, sometime Minister of the Parish of *Coulston* in *Bury*, the Daughter of Dr. *William Gough* of *Black Friars*, *London*, who died the ninth of *May* 1676. in the 53 year of her Age.

Here lieth also Mr. *Richard Roberts* Husband to the said *Elizabeth*, who departed this Life the 3d. of *March* an. Dom. 1676. in the 71 year of his Age.

Here under this Stone lieth buried the Body of *James Pavyor*, Gent. who deceased the 9th. day of *February* in the year of our Lord 1615.

Hic jacet *Johannes Attewelle*, qui obiit ——— mrisis an. Dom. 14. ———
et *Alicia* uxor ejus, quæ obiit 16 die *Septembris* an. Dom. 1450. quibus
animabus ———

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Carpender*, Gent. son of *William Carpender* of *Cotford* in the County of *Gloucester*, who took to Wife *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *John Major* of *Blanford* in the County of *Berket*, Gent. and had issue by her five Sons and three Daughters, whereof *John*, and *Mary* lie buried near this Place, he departed this Life the 10th. of *January* in the year of our Lord 1677. in the 61. year of his Age.

Sub hoc Marmore requiescit corpus *Mariæ* nuper uxoris *Gulielmi* Carpen-
der, armigeri, quæ obiit 13 die *Decembris* an. Dom. 1683.
Ætatis suæ 27.

Hunc tumulum in perpetuum *Charissimæ Conjugis* memoriam merens *Mari-*
tus posuit dicatque.

Hic etiam jacet *Anna* uxor *Gulielmi* predicti secunda.

A Monument erected in the Wall.

M. S.

Hic juxta reconditur *Anna*,
Uxor *Gulielmi* Carpender, armigeri, nuper secunda;
Famina Gravis ac Virtutibus nudique ornata;
Erga Deum Pia;
Homines, justa et benefica, comes et modesta:
Exemplar illustre Seculo præbuit,
Et tandem, multum desiderata et deplorata,
Ex hac vitâ in Beatiorum Regiones transmigravit,
30 die *Martii* Ann. Dom. 1689,
Ætatis 32.

Hoc Monumentum perpetua Dilectissima
Conjugis Memoria ætatis
Maritus consecravit.

M. S.

Hic situs est *Edmundus Bagshawe*, *Edmundi* in agro *Hedfordiensi* Gene-
rosus, Filius unigenitus, Collegiis S. S. *Crinialis* in *Academia Cant-*
brigie Socius, *Parochia de Clophill* in *Diocesi Lincolni* Rector natus
Apr. 29. 1636. Denatus Septemb. 1664.

Vir (siquis alius) felicitis et acerrimi ingenti, morum integerimus, majoris
quam pro ætate par erat in omni genâ literaturâ profectus: cui cum in
tempestivâ ædultitate incumberet, Tabe elanguit quâ ingravescens huc
conmigravit, ut in Sinum amici efflueret animam: exuvias deponi voluit ubi
maximum reliquerat Desiderium

Opt. amico P.
J. G.

Here lieth the Body of *Mary* Daughter of *Samuel Blackwell* of this Town, Esq; and Wife of *William Paine*, Esq; son of *Sir Robert Paine* of Barton Stary in the County of Southampton, Knight, She died the 27th. day of *July* 1669. after She was delivered of two Sons at a Birth *Ætatis sue* 21 years.

*Hand. of
Cathos.*

Two buds with the Flower are cropt whilst all bemoan
His unkind Fate who has lost three in one
And in that Losse his Paradise is gone
Multis illa bonis Flebilis occidit;
Nulli Flebilior quam mihi,
Willelmo Payne, mastissimo Marito.

Acts of PIETY and CHARITY.

MICHAEL Heydon, Esq. granted to Dame *Dorothy Morison*, the Widow of *Sir Charles Morison* the elder of *Catshobury* in the Parish of *St. Bartolomew*, by Deed dated 18th Oct. Anno 11 Jac. prim. a Lease of one capital Messuage in *St. Bartolomew* called *Watford-place*, with all Barns, Stables, Rooms, Gardens, Orchards and Appurtenances to the same belonging, for one hundred years, under a yearly Rent; and the Lady placed *Thomas Valentine*, M. A. Preacher of God's Word, and four poor Widow Women, or Alms Women in the several Rooms, Parcel of the said Messuage, to continue, during their Lives and good Behaviour, and intended that after their Departures thence, other like learned Preachers and poor Widows should be placed in their Steads during the Lease; afterwards *Sir Charles Morison*, Kt. and Bar. her Son and Executor, for the Accomplishment of this charitable Act, by Indenture dated the 10th March, 8 Carol. primi assigned over the Lease to twelve of the then chiefe Inhabitants of *St. Bartolomew*, to be Trustees for this Charity, and for the Accomplishment of the charitable Intention, and a sufficient Maintenance for the Preacher and four Alms Women for ever. *Sir Charles Morison* and *Sir Baptist Hicks*, Kt. and Bar. afterwards Viscount *Cambden* by the same Indenture granted to the Trustees and their Heirs one Annuity of fifty Pounds, to be yearly issuing out of *King's Langley Park* in this County, to be paid on Lady-day, and Michaelmas Day, yearly, upon Trust to be employed to the Uses aforesaid, and by the Deed it is appointed, that when such a number of the Trustees are dead or removed out of the Parish, the Residue shall choose so many other of the Inhabitants of the Parish as shall make up the Number of twelve; and *Sir Charles Morison* by Indenture dated the 8th of August, in 2 Car. I. purchased the Reversion and Inheritance of the capital Messuage of *Richard Bellamy* and *William Rolfe*, Esquires, and granted it to Trustees Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Bartolomew*, to be used and employed for this charitable Purpose for ever.

The Lady *Morison*, or *Sir Charles* her Son, also granted to the several Trustees a Water Corn Mill and Lands belonging to it in *Essex*, now let at 20*l.* per annum, for the Maintenance of a Preacher for ever, who is bound to preach a Sermon in *St. Bartolomew* Church on every Tuesday in the Forenoon before the Market Bell rings, from whence this capital Messuage is now call'd the *Lecture House*, and the Preacher the Lecturer, who is nominated and chosen by the present Trustees, *Sir Charles Gerard* of *Marston* on the Hill, Bar. *Silvanus Titus* of *Bushy*, Esq. and *John Congers* of the *Middle Temple*, Esq. one of his Majesties Council, learn'd in the Law, who lately elected *Nicholas Farmerow*, Clerke, the present Lecturer.

The Family of the *Morisons* have also erected eight Alms-houses for eight poor Widows in *St. Bartolomew*, made a handsome Yard before and Gardens behind the Houses, and for their Maintenance given each of them two Shillings a Week, two hundred of Faggots, Cloath sufficient to make them a Gown and new Hats every Year, which the said Earl of *Essex*, the lineal descendant of that Family, doth constantly pay and allow.

Dame *Mary Cowper*, first Widow of *Sir Charles Morison* the younger, afterwards of *Sir John Cowper*, and one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Baptist* late Viscount *Cambden*, by her Deed dated the eighth Year of

*Hund. of
Catsheo.*

King *Charles I.* granted to several Trustees a Rent Charge of twenty Pounds *per Annum* for ever, payable out of her Lands in *Cambsburg* and other Places in *Gloucestershire*, to the Churchwardens of *Chalford* and *King's Langley* in *Berkshire*, on the Feast Day of the Circumcision of our Saviour called New-years-day, in the several Parish Churches of *Chalford* and *King's Langley*, to wit, ten Pounds yearly to each Parish; from whence it is called by the Name of the New-years Gift paid by the Earl of *Essex*, and usually distributed yearly on that Day to the poor Inhabitants of each Parish.

Dame *Mary Cowper* by one other Indenture dated in *Novemb.* the same Year, granted to several Trustees a Rent Charge of fifty Pounds *per Annum* issuing out of certain Lands in *Limington* and elsewhere in the County of *Gloucester*, to be paid half yearly on Michaelmas and Lady-day for ever, to the Vicar of *Chalford*.

Dame *Dorothy Morison* also granted to several Trustees, Inhabitants of *Chalford* aforesaid, an Annuity of 52*l.* *per Annum*, to be issuing out of a Farm and Lands in *Chalford*, fifty Pounds thereof to be yearly employed by the Trustees for the putting forth of poor Children of the Parish of *Chalford* to be Apprentices, and forty Shillings Residue to be yearly expended by the Trustees at their Meetings to put forth such Children.

Francis Combs, Esq. of *Berkshampstead* in this County, by his Will dated the 1st of *May*, 1641, gave out of all his Messuages, Lands, and Tenements in *Berkshampstead* aforesaid, ten Pounds yearly for ever to a Free-school for teaching poor Children in *Chalford* to cast Accompts, to read English, and to write.

He also gave by his Will for the Benefit of the Poor of *Chalford* for ever, two Cottages and three Acres of Land, lying at a Place called *Bricket Wood*, and several other yearly Payments for ever, for a Free-school at *Berkshampstead*, a weekly Sermon or Lecture in the Church of *Berkshampstead*, the Abby Church of *St. Alban*, and the Parish Church of *Berkshampstead St. Peters* in this County, and charged all his Lands and Tenements in *Berkshampstead* with the Payment thereof, and several other Gifts given to charitable Uses by his said Will.

Thomas Baldwin of the Parish of *St. Martin's* in the Fields in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. a younger Brother of the *Baldwins* of *Medbury* in the Parish of *Chalford*, by his last Will, dated in *September*, 1639, did give his Part of the Springs and Waters near *Hyde Park* in the County of *Middlesex*, and brought to serve the City of *Westminster* with Water, to the Poor of *Chalford* where he was born, to the Poor of *Berkshampstead St. Peter's* where he was a Scholar, and to the Poor of *St. Martin's* where he then dwelt, to be equally divided amongst the Poor of these several Parishes aforesaid, being let altogether at one hundred and twenty Pounds *per Annum*, each Parish received forty Pounds *per Annum* for their Dividend.

ALDENHAM.

*MS. Mr. Cox.
Norden, p. 9.*

OFFA, King of the *Mertians*, gave this Vill to his Monastery, which he dedicated to *St. Alban*, by the Name of *Eldenham*, which signifies an ancient Vill or Seat; and in the time of *William the Conqueror* 'tis recorded, that

*Domeid. Lib.
fol. 134.*

In Eldenham ten. Abbas novam hidas. Terra est sex car. in dominio quatuor hid. et ibi est uno carucata, et altera potest fieri, Prepositus cum octo Vill habentibus tres car. et quarta potest fieri, ibi quinq; cotar. et duo servi, et un molin. de quinq; sol pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva octingent. porc. valet et valuit tres libr. tempore Regis Edwardi octo lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Ecclesie Sancti Petri de Westmonast.

Ibid fol. 135.

In Eldenham ten. Goisfridus de Bech sub Abbat un. hid. Terra est un. car. sed deest car. ibi duo cotar. Silva centum porc. valet et valuit duodecim sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quindecim sol. hanc terram ten. Blache homo Sancti Albani non potuit vendere.

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held nine Hides in *Alldenham*. The arable is six Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides; and there is one Carucate, and another may be made; a Reeve, or a Bayliff with eight Villains, having three Carucates, and four may be made; there are five Cottagers and two Servants, and one Mill of five Shillings Rent, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed eight hundred Hogs; 'tis worth and was worth three Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) eight Pounds. This Mannor did lie and doth lie in the Jurisdiction of the Church of *St. Peter Westminster*.

Gosfride de Bech held one Hide in *Alldenham* under the Abbot of *St. Albans*. The arable is one Carucate, but the Carucate is wanting; there are two Cottagers, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; it is worth and was worth twelve Shillings by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifteen Shillings. *Blacks* a Man (under the Protection) of the Church of *St. Alban* held this Land, he could not sell it.

But *Frederick*, the Abbot of the Church of *St. Alban*, in the time of the Conquest, well weighing the great Loss which Travellers sustain'd in their Passage by these Woods from and to *London*, he demised this Mannor to the Abbot of *Westminster* for the Term of twenty Years, reserving every Year one hundred Shillings, with four fat Oxen, which Term being elapsed, the Mannor should return to the Hands of Abbot *Frederick*, notwithstanding upon this Condition, that the Abbot of *Westminster*, should keep those Ways safe, and should answer the Damage there sustained and if Default should be made therein he should forfeit the same; but that Abbot of *Westminster*, being great at Court, and a Favourite to *William* the Conqueror, loading him with Presents at his Coronation at *Westminster*, he was so elevated that he would not perform his Agreement; but desired to have more, especially the Wood which was not far distant from *Alldenham*; and for its Pleasantness was call'd *Bruteite quase Prudeitte*, or *Pritty* in English; and puffed up with Pride, he quarrelled with Abbot *Frederick*, saying that it did belong and ought to be laid to the Mannor; complaining of this to the King, he caused Commotion and Difference, whereupon Abbot *Frederick* was much damnified; and when the twenty years expired, the Abbot of *Westminster* would not restore the Mannor to the Abbot of *St. Alban*, saying that Abbot *Frederick* had wrong'd him by detaining the Wood from him, which never belonged to that Mannor; and by crafty Insinuations, and continual Clamours, wherein he was supported by the King's Favour, notwithstanding all that *Frederick* could possibly do, did hold it in his Possession for divers Years; upon which *Frederick* ceased to contend any longer.

This Mannor coming to the Crown upon the Dissolution, King *H. VIII.* granted it with the Advowson, to *Henry Stepney*, who died leaving Issue,

Ralph Stepney, who held it in the Reign of King *Edw. VI.* of the King in *Capite*: He gave *Gules, a Fess componé, counter-componé Or and Azure, between three Owles*

*Hund. of
Caisbot.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 46.*

*Hand. of
Causton.*



Argent; Crest on a Wreath, a Talbot's Head erased Gules, eared Or, collard compone, counter-compone, Gold and Azure with an Attire of a Buck in his Mouth Or: He conveyed this Mannor with the Advowson to

Sir Edward Cary, Kt. and his Heirs; he married Catharine the Daughter of Sir Henry Knivet, Kt. and Widow of Henry Lord Paget, by whom he had Issue

Henry afterwards created Viscount Falkland, who succeeded, was a most accomlisht Gentleman and complete Courtier, whom King James constituted Deputy of Ireland, here he discharged his Trust very well, but some rebellious Irish complained of hard Usage because he kept them in Subjection, though with much Lenity; for some beginning to counterfeit his Hand, he used to incorporate the Year of his Age in a Knot flourished beneath his Name, concealing the Day of his Birth to himself, and by comparing the Date of the Month with his own Birthday, (unknown to the Forgers) he not only discovered many false Writings that were passed, but also deterred others from attempting the like for the future; And when he return'd to England, he lived here honourably until by a sad Casualty he broke his Leg on a Stand in St. James's Park, of which Wound he died seiz'd of this Mannor, Anno 1633, 9 Car. I. leaving Issue by Elizabeth his Wife, Daughter and Heir to Sir Lawrence Tunfeld, Kt. Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

Lucius his Son and Heir, who married Lettice, the Daughter and Heir of Richard Moryson of Cooly Park in the County of Leicester; and being a Person eminently learned, and of exquisite Parts, King Charles I. made him one of his principal Secretaries of State; afterwards out of his great Zeal for his Majesty's Service in the rebellious times, he sold this Mannor in the Year 1641, to

Sir Job Herby, Knight, one of the Commissioners under that King in his Custom-house, and by Patent dated 17th of July, Anno 12 Car. II. was created Baronet for the good Services which he had done in the late time of Rebellion, and he died seized hereof, leaving

Sir Erasmus Herbey his Son and Heir, but for the Satisfaction of the Debts which his Father had contracted upon the Account of King Charles I. in the time of that unhappy Rebellion, was compelled to sell it to

Densil Lord Hollis, who was sent into France on the 7th of July, 1663, as Ambassador extraordinary, where he continually kept a noble Table furnished with Dishes of Meat after the English Fashion for the Honour of his Country, and in Contempt of the French Mode; and he returned thence the 24th Day of May, Anno 1666. After that he was sent to Breva as Plenipotentiary to the Treaty

there with the Ambassadors of *France*, *Denmark*, and the States of the *United Provinces*: He married *Dorothy* the sole Daughter and Heir to Sir *Francis Ashley* of *Borthers* in the County of *Dorset*, Knight, Serjeant at Law to King *Charles I.* by whom he had Issue four Sons, Sir *Francis Holles* of *Winterburn St. Martin* in the County of *Dorset*, Baronet, 2 *Denzil*, 3 *John*, 4 *Denzil*, which three last died in their Infancies; and after the Decease of this *Dorothy* his Wife, he married *Jane* the Daughter and Coheir of Sir *John Sherley* of *Isble* in the County of *Sussex*, Knight, Widow of Sir *Walter Covert*, Knight; and after her Decease he married *Hester* the second Daughter and Coheir of *Gideon de Low*, Lord of the Mannor of *Columbiers* in *Normandy*, Widow of *James Richer*, Lord of the Mannor of *Chambernon* in the same Province: but neither of these had any Issue: He died seiz'd hereof leaving

Sir *Francis*, who was his Heir, held it a while, then died leaving

Denzil his only surviving Son and Heir, who dying without Issue, this Mannor came to

John Hollis, (whose Ancestor was created Baron *Houghton* of *Houghton*, by Patent dated on the 9th of *July*, 1616, 14 *Jac. I.* Earl of *Clare* the 2nd of *Nov.* 1624, 22 *Jac. I.* advanc'd to be Marquiss of *Clare* and Duke of *Bedford* the 14 *May* 1694, 6 *W. & M.* and installed Knight of the most honourable Order of the Garter, Anno 1698. He gives *Ermin*, two *Piles*, (their Points meeting in Base) *Sable*. He is Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* for the County of *Nottingham*, as also for the Town and County of *Nottingham*, and High Steward for the Borough of *Retford* in the County of *Nottingham*.

A Duke was so termed from the French Word *Duc* a *Ducendo*, from leading an Army, therefore the *Romans* called them *Duces*; *Otho* and *Charles* the Great about the Year 970, made this Name Duke a Title of Honour, and to oblige the Politick and Martial Men the more firmly to him, endowed them with Regalities and Royalties, which were either Dignities, as Dukes, Marquisses, Earls, Captaines, Valvasers, Valvasines, or otherwise, Lands in Fee. When the French Kings had chased the *Romans* out of *Gallia*, and found some of the Provinces thereof governed under the Emperors by certain martial Commanders term'd *Duces*, they gave the same Title (a little curtail'd a *la Francoise*) to their own principal Captains, which they plac'd in their Rooms; but those French Dukes were only Officers and Vassals, and their Functions and Fiefs revocable at the Pleasure of the Prince; afterwards they held them for their Lives; and many such Dukes were here in the time of the *Saxons*, but had no Addition of Place, for

*Hand of
Catspaw.*

*Duke's Exact
Catal. of Nob.
p. 20.*

*Hund. of
Caishe.*

*Seld. Tit. of
Hon. pt. 2,
cap. 3, p. 496.*

they only assisted their Kings in the leading their Armies, and with their Advice in their great Councils; which was the Reason that their Names with the Title of Duke were only annex'd to divers Charters made in those Councils where they were present: And it is observable, where there was a Duke and a Count in one and the same Province and Town, the Title of Duke was conferred on him who was the more warlike, and commanded the Souldiers, and the Title of Count or Earl upon him who was the civil Officer and governed the People. The Coronets of the ancient Dukes of *Bretange, Burgundy, Normandy, Abergne, Bourborne*, and such, were not only Circles of Gold enrich'd with Stones, but also *Fleurie* with Flowers evenly and highly raised, or *à hautes Fleurons tous de une hauteur*; which kind of Coronet was imposed at the first Creation; also when the Dutchy descended, like the Crowns of Kings, by the greatest Prelate of the Dutchy: But when *William* the Conqueror came to the Crown he reserved the Power of these Offices in himself, that they might not grow too great and potent for him; and to please his *Normans*, who had obliged him by their Assistance in that Conquest, he dignified them with the Titles of all these Offices, (except Duke,) and made them Hereditary to their Children; but the King and his Successors having the Name of no other Title than Duke to *Normandy*, thought it some Diminution to themselves to adorn any of their Subjects with the Title of Duke, till the time that *Edward III.* created his Son Duke of *Cornwall*, by putting a Wreath upon his Head, a Ring upon his Finger, and by giving him a Silver Verge or Rod, in Imitation of the Dukes of *Normandy*, who were created in old time by the Delivery of a Sword and a Banner to them; but afterwards these Dukes were created by girding of the Sword of the Dutchy, and a Circle of Gold garnished with little golden Roses on the Top. And the same King created his two Sons in Parliament, *Lionel* Duke of *Clarence*, and *John* Duke of *Lancaster*, by girding of a Sword, and setting upon their Heads a furr'd *Chapeau*, or a Cap with a Circlet or Coronet of Gold, Pearl, and a Charter delivered unto them; but of late Days, when a Duke is created, he must have his Surcoat and Hood upon him, and shall be lead between two Dukes, if there be any present, if not, a Marquis or Earl; and the Earl shall carry the Cap of Estate with the Coronet on it, somewhat on the right Hand, and another Earl shall carry the golden Rod on the other Side; and a Marquis shall bear the Sword before the Duke that is to be created, and an Earl shall bear the Mantle or Robe of Estate lying on his Arms before the last Earl; and all these Nobles that do serve must be in their Robes of Estate; and

when they come to the King sitting in State, they are created with these or the like Words in their Charter, *We give and grant the Name, Title, State, Stile, Place, Seat, Preeminence, Honour, Authority, and Dignity of a Duke, to I—— and by the Cincture of a Sword, and Imposition of a Cap, and a Coronet of Gold upon his Head, and also by delivering unto him a Verge of Gold, We do really invest——*

*Hand of
Caishor.*

These Dukes are usually styled by the King, *Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely beloved Cousin*; but when of his Majesties Privy Council, they have this Addition, and *Counsellors*.

In Letters, they are stiled, *The High, Puissant, and most Noble Prince*; and the Title of *Grace*.

These Dukes precede all Marquisses, Earls, &c. and they and their Dutchesses may have in all Places, out of the King's or Princess's Presence, a Cloth of Estate hanging down within Half a Yard of the Ground; and a Dutchess may have her Train born up by a Baroness; and all Dukes' eldest Sons, by the Courtesie of England are styled Marquisses, and have Precedency of Earls; and their younger Sons have the Addition of Lord to their Christian Names, and precede all Viscounts: But to proceed.

PENS PLACE

IS a small Mannor scituated upon the Common where *Henry Coghill*, Esq. built a fair House of Brick: He was constituted Sheriff for this County, *Anno 1632, 8 Car. I.* Upon his Decease it descended to *Henry*, who was his Son and Heir, and also Sheriff for this County, *Anno 1673, 25 Car. II.* and is the present Possessor hereof.

PICKETS or NEWBERRY

IS another small Mannor which *William Briscoe*, one of the Yeomen of the Guard, held in this Vill: Upon his Death it came to *Edward Briscoe*, who was his Son and Heir, and is the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Church was valued in the King's Books *Anno 26 Henry VIII.* at 24*l. per Annum* and —— is Patron hereof.

'Tis situated about the Middle of the Vill, upon an Hill in the Diocess of London near *Berry Grove*, which, I suppose, was the Wood that the Abbots of *St. Albans* and *Westminster* contended for, and does extend from thence towards the River: This Church contains three fair Iales, with two Chancels covered with Lead, and a square Tower at the West End, where hang a Ring of six Bells with a Spire upon the Tower, and within the Church and Chancels are several Monuments and Gravestones, which have the Inscriptions following.

M. S.

Domini Edwardi Cary Militis ex Catherina Domina Paget filiu, nobilis virtuosa et lectissima Fæmina 15 die Maij obiit 1600.

In cuius Memoriam laudabilem et dignissimam Thomas Crompton Junior, tam optima Consortis mortem intempestivam maxime lugens, hoc Monumentum am risui pignus mæstissimum pos vit.

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*Hand of
Catharine.*

Another Stone has this Inscription.

Here under this Stone lyeth, in hope of a joyful and glorious Resurrection, the Body of *Edward Brisko* of *Ornat Hall* in this Parish, Gent. Son and Heir of *Edward Brisko*, Gent. descended of the Family of the *Brisko's* of *Brisko* and *Crofton* in the County of *Cumberland*, Esq; which first mentioned *Edward Brisko* having issue by *Helen* his first Wife, *Edward Brisko* his only Son and Heir; who in the invocation of God's holy Name, and full assurance of his Mercy, ended this Life the 16th day of April An. 1608.

Edwardus Brisko patri optimo et carissimo pietatis et observantiae erga M. P.

*On the North Side of the Wall next the Middle Chancel
a Monument of Marble is set which says,*

To the Pious Memory of *Catharine Cade*, descended from the Ancient Family of the *Throckmortons* of *Corton* in *Bedfordshire*, deceased the 25th of May Anno 1615.

Made generous by Birth, she kept that fount,
From Times pollution, striving still to rise
Above her Earth high in the World's account,
For outward Grace and inbred Courtesie
Her Actions, Alma, her Life, Faith, Hope, and Love,
A suffering Spirit rendring right for wrong,
Her Heart a Sphere where all good thoughts did move
Whose Influence was dispersed by the Tongue.
Religion was her Companion, Truth her Slave
In surging Seas of World's Adversity
Malice her Enemy, Flesh and Blood her War,
Yet Wisdom made this Discord Harmony.
Then Marble keep to all posterity
Her Lives dear Memory (upon whose Urne)
And to her Obsequies, (obsequiously)
In loves sweet odorous Hearts shall ever burn
And let each Christian Heart joyn with my Pen
To embalm her Virtues in the minds of Men.

*William Cade her most entirely affected Husband in remembrance of her
Virtuous Life and Godly Death, erected this Monument.*

Thou Bed of rest reserve for him a Room
Who lives a Man divorct from his dear Wife;
That as they were one Head, so this one Tomb
May hold them both in Death as linkt in Life.
She's gone before, and after comes her Head
To sleep with her among the Blessed Dead.

Another Stone has this Inscription.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Mrs. Faith Coghill*, Wife to *Henry Coghill*, Esq; and Daughter and Coheir of *John Sutton*, Esq; who departed this Life upon the 31st. of May Anno Dom. 1670. at 75 Years of Age. She left issue behind her, two Sons, *Henry* and *John*, and one Daughter named *Elizabeth*. By her Son *John*, who married *Deborah Dudley* of *Wiltshire*, Esq; she had two Grandchildren *John* and *Lucy*, both which are buried under this Stone.

This Inscription is engraved upon the same Stone.

Henry Coghill, Esq; deceased the 22d. of August 1672. aged 83.

On another Stone this Inscription is engraved.

Here lies the Body of the Pious and truly Religious Gentlewoman *Mrs. Lucy Dudley*, Relict of *William Dudley*, Esq; who lived to the 80th. year of her Age, and departed this Life the first of March Anno Dom. 1684. She left issue only one Daughter, *Deborah*, the Wife of *John Coghill* of *Bentley*, Gent. In the same Grave lies buried three Children of the said *Coghills*, viz. one Daughter and two Sons, who died young.

Inscriptions upon Stones lying in the North Isle.

Hund. of
Calshor.*In Memoriam.*

Antonii Yardly, forma præstantissimi, summi ingenii, optimæ indolis, maximeq; spei Adolescentuli, filii Antonii Yardly, Generosi primo-geniti: qui cum Apoplexiâ tribus plus minus diebus detentus fuisset, diem suum clausit quarto nonas Maii An. Dom. MDCLXX. et Ætatis suæ fere nono. Saxum hoc (quod et cineres illius teget) parentum curâ ac impensis positum est.

Reader a while contemplate on,
What lies beneath this Marble stone,
And if thou canst but spare a Tear,
Thou mayst do well to shed it here,
Here lies in years a Child, a Man
In Humor, Wit, Discretion.
His outward shape was very rare,
But that within beyond compare;
This is indeed by Death defac't,
But that is only higher plac't
He acted well, away is gone,
Spectators thought he went too soon.
His Parents Joy whilst he had breath:
His Parents Grief since ta'n by Death.
Till they this Mortal come to see
Clothed with Immortality.

On another Stone in the same Isle you may read this Inscription.

Here lieth the Body of *John Robinson* the only Son of *John Robinson* of *Altenham Wood*, who departed this Life *May 3d. 1674.* and in the four and twentieth year of his Age.

Death parts the dearest Lovers for a while
And makes them mourn, who only used to smile;
But after Death our unmixt loves shall tie,
Eternal Knots betwixt my dear and I.

J. R.

I *Sarah Smith* whom thou didst love alone
For thy Dear love have laid this Marble Stone.

Another Inscription.

Here lyeth buried the Body of *John Long*, Suffer Citizen, and Alderman of *London*, and *Wame Margery his Wife*: which *John* died the 6 day of *July* M^CXX^{VI}. whose Soul *Jesus* pardon.

Weav. Fm.
Acti, p. 591.

This Man was Sheriff of *London* in the Year 1528, born at *Berkhamsted* in this County, the Son of *William Long*, Gent. anciently descended from the *Longs* in *Hertfordshire*, and Father to *John Long* of *Holme Hall* in the County of *Berky*, Gent. who was Father to *George Long*, Esq. Clerk of the Office of *Pleas* in his Majesty's Court of *Exchequer*, and one of the Justices of the Peace in the County of *Middlesex*. He lived after he was made free of *London* (which was in An. 11 *Henry VII.*) 43 Years.

Another.

Augusti, ter quingenti, si demperis unum
Et ter, tres, decies, ut erat verbum caro factum
Crux lux undens: miseris subtrahit Æquum.
Patronum patriæ: vœcus orbis, lampade morum
Quem decorant Patria, Sapientia, Spesq; Fidesq;
Scilicet *Edmond Brook*: Solbetur ut ipse preceamur.

Mr. *Weaver* makes this Construction of this intricate Epitaph, that this Man (here so much commended) died the 11th Day of *August*, 1490.

Another.

Here lyeth *John Pen*, who in his lusty Age,
Our Lord list call to his Mercy and Grace
Design and curies free without yn rage

Ibid.

A a 2

Hund. of
Catsheo.

And Squire with the Duc of Clarence he was.
The eightieth Day of Jun, betw him embras,
The yer from Christs incarnation
A Thousand four Hundred seventy and son.

Hic jacet Johannes Dentwel — et Christiana uxor. — 1388.

Here lyeth William Warner and Joan his Wife, which William died —
1531. and Joan 1588. on whose Souls.

Here under this Marble Stone
Lyeth Lucas Goodyer departed and gon.
It pleased the Lord God in October the tenth Day
The being in Childbed deceased without yn say;
And Edmond her little Sonne lyeth her by,
On whose Souls Jesu have mercy.
1547.

Weav. p. 502. Here lyeth Ralph Stepny, Esq: the first Lord of the Lordship of this Town
of Aldenham, and Patron of this Church, who dyed 2. Decemb. 1544.
on whose Soul Jesu have mercy. Amen.

In the South Wall of this Church, the Proportion of two Women lie cut
in Stone, who (as I have it by Relation) were two Sisters here intombed,
the Founders of this Church, and Coheirs to this Lordship, which at their
Deaths gave the said Lordship to the Abby and Convent of West-
minster.

EAGLESTREE, IDLESTREE now *ELSTREE*.

Norden, p. 16. *OFFA*, that great and noble Founder of the Church of *St. Alban*, gave among other things to God and *St. Alban*, by the Name of *Eaglestree*, *nemus Aquilum*, a Grove, where 'tis thought Eagles usually bred in times past; for though it is now hilly and heathy, yet formerly this Place did greatly abound with stately Trees, where such Fowls delighted to resort and harbour: And at the time of the Conquest, it was a waste Piece of Ground overgrown with Wood, which is the Reason no mention is made of it in *Domesdei Book*, and Parcel of the Mannor of *Park*, which belonged to the Monastery of *St. Alban*; Upon the Dissolution of that Church, it came to the Crown, and thence by the Statute made at the Parliament held *Anno 33 H. VIII.* to

Anthony Denny, Esq. from him it descended to

Sir Henry Denny, who was his Son and Heir, and married *Honora*, Daughter to *William Lord Grey*, of *Wilton*, by whom he had Issue

Edward Denny, Esq. who sold the Mannor of *Parkbury*, *Anno 5 Jacob. I.* to

Robert Briscoe of *Aldenham*; and he granted it with the View of Franc-pledge and Court Baron to

Sir Baptist Hicks, reserving among some other things, so much of the Court Baron as lies within this Parish to himself and his Heirs; since which time the Inhabitants of this Vill paid to *Sir Baptist Hicks*, and the successive Lords of the Mannor of *Park*, one Shilling at every Court Leet,

due there for a common Fine, by the ancient Custom of that Mannor. But *Robert Briscoe* enjoyed the Court Baron for this Vill, and hath ever since held Courts there by the Name of the Mannor of *Elstret*, after which he conveyed it to his Nephew

Edward Brisco of the Parish of *Aldenham*, who granted it to

Edward Brisco his eldest Son, the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 Henry VIII. was valued in the King's Books at the Rate of *8l. per Annum*, of which the Kings and Queens of this Realm have been Patrons from the time of the Dissolution of the Monastery of *St. Albans*.

THE RECTORS.

John Boyle
John Foster
John Blake
William Flyer

Abraham Spencer, sequestered
for his Loyalty
Arnold Spencer.

This Church is situated near the Street, upon a great Hill in a small Churchyard, in the Deanery of *St. Alban*, in the Diocess of *London*, and has one Isle divided from the Body with a Wooden Building at the West End thereof, in which hang three small Bells.

In the Wall on the North Side of the Chancel, is a small Monument which has this Inscription.

SANCTAE TRINITATI SACRUM.

Behold and know how Heaven is repossess
Of her sweet Soul whose Corps interr'd doth rest
Near to this place; for silence would be wrong
If that my Muse had not address this Song
Of sacred Trophies in her vertuous praise,
Which cannot die but must survive always.
A fruitful peaceful *Olive* was her Name,
So was her Life, her Death, her Faith the same;
Emblem'd by Dove with Olive Leaf in bill,
Which shew'd glad *Noah* God had done his will,
And forc'd the swelling Deluge Flood resort
To Channels low, in bank, in bounds their port;
This *Olive* liv'd much more content with me,
Than did this Dove, good *Noah*, in Ark with thee;
And brought me Olive branch to glad my heart,
As Dove rejoic'd, the ceasing floating part,
And then with Ghost to penetrate the skies
More high than Dove, beyond object of Eyes:
Her Heart, her Mind, her Soul, and Faith most pure
Were linkt in Christ so stedfast and so sure,
As helpt her Soul more high than Dove can flie,
Now therefore *Noah*, thy Dove I must pass by.
Mounting the Heavens by wings of Faith,
Her Souls aspect discharged of sin and pain;
Where hope assures and puts me out of doubt
That this late *Olive* mine is round about,
Beset with Gods favour and mercy seat,
And with his love of all his Joys for meat,
Which power shall adamantine wise restore
Her Corps to sent which clad her Soul before.
Dignified, Glorified, Eternized;
Sanctified at last, as first Baptiz'd.

*Hund. of
Caispor.*

Head of
Catspot.



Underneath the same Monument follows.

Obiit 11 Nov. 1608. *Ætatis suæ 20. habens superstites sex liberos, Harmanum, Johannem, Thomam, Jacobum, Joannam et Susannam, per Nicolaum Atwood de Sandwisted in Comitatu Gurr. Gen. Cui prius nupta fuit.*

Septimumq; Superstitem, Olivum filium unicum per Johannem Buck de Aldenham, Gen. qui hanc virtutum energiam Mæstissimum, Uxoris suæ præcharissimæ Olivæ, filie et heredis Jacobi Harman, fratris Edmundi de Warford Cantion et Warford in Comitatu Oxonii, Arm. Pietatis ergo Memoria dicavit.

Henreux le corps qui pour l'ame labouroit;
Henreuse le ame qu' en tel corps demouroit.

Atwood's Arms, Gules, with a Lion rampant, three Grapes on either Side Or.

A Gravestone in the Middle is thus engraved.

Here lieth the Body of John Blake late Minister of Elstree, who was about 55 years of Age, and died the 30th of September Anno 1638. who had to Wife Annis Aylward, and had issue by her two Daughters, the elder buried in this place, June 1631. the younger named Anne baptiz'd March 14. 1633.

SULLONICA.

Norden, p. 23.

NEAR this Vill of Elstree, in old time stood a most famous City, which Antonine mentions in his Itinerary, and placeth twelve Miles distant from London, and nine from Verulam; some, in Regard only of this Distance have thought it was scituated about Chipping Bernet: Mr. Camden supposes it stood upon Brocken-hills, but Mr. Norden having the Opportunity of making a more curious Inquiry in his Travells there, discovered by some decayed Foundations, and sundry Pieces of Romish Coin that have been found there, and the Distance of the said Places mention'd by Antonine, that this City stood among the said Hills near Watling-street extending from this Vill to the neighbouring Hill on the South in Middlesex, where a fair Seat is now erected; and the Inhabitants there have confirmed this Opinion to me.

BERGNET, HIGH BERNET, or CHIPPING BERNET.

Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol 178.

IN the time of the Saxons, this Place was a great Wood, granted to the Church of St. Albans, by the Name of the Woods of Sutham, Worham, and Buzehere, the former was called Sutham, to distinguish it from the great Wood term'd Northam, where the Vill of Northall is now seated; but since divers Kings of this Realm have confirmed the ancient Grant hereof by the Name of Bergnet, from the high Scituation hereof, for the Word Bergnet in the Saxon Language, signifies *Monticulus*, a little Hill; and afterwards it had the Adjunct of Chipping Bernet from the Market, which King Hen. II. granted to the Abbots of St. Albans to be kept in this Town, it was famous for Cattle, and held on every Monday in the Week.

Norden, p. 14.
Quo Warr. 6
Ed. 1 Rot.
36, cur. re-
cept. Scac.

Anno 18 Edw. I. the Abbot of *St. Albans* impleaded several Persons for prostrating his Ditch, and burning his Hedges and Fences in the Night at *Bernet*; *Richard Tickersing* one of the Defendants said, that because the Abbot inclosed his Pasture with Hedge and Ditch, so that he and the Tenants there, could not have their Common, as their Ancestors were wont to have, they did lay open the same: The Abbot answered that they ought not to have Common there; but 'twas found by the Jury that the Tenants ought to have Common; and Judgment was given against the said *Richard Tickersing* only for that he burnt the Hedge.

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

*Plac. Oct.
Trin. anno 18
Ed. I. cur. re-
cept. Scac.*

A bloody Battle was fought on the 5th Day of *April*, being *Easter-day*, *Anno 8 Edward IV.* upon *Cladmore Common* near this Town, between the two Houses of *Berk* and *Lancaster*, with variable Success for five or six Hours, but at length a thick Mist covering the Face of the Ground, divers Spectators could not discern which Side Fortune favoured, so that some Horsemen galloping to *London*, reported that King *Edward* was overthrown, whilst others hastning thither, affirmed that the Earl of *Warwick* was routed, and thus in a few Hours many Men related what they desired; but in the End the Victory fell to King *Edw. IV.* by Reason some of *Warwick's* Men mistook their own Party in the Fog, and destroyed their Friends, which was the Cause of his Death, and made King *Edward* Master of the Field.

Upon the Dissolution of this Monastery, this Mannor came to the Crown, where it remained until *1 Mary*, when that Queen granted it to *Anthony Butler, Esq.* who held a Court Leet and Court Baron here the same Year; he had Issue, *Charles* and *Anthony*.

*Rot. cur.
Man. 1 Mary.*

Charles succeeded, had Issue *William* by *Douglas* his Wife, who dying in the Life-time of his Father,

This Mannor came, upon the Decease of *Anthony* the Grandfather, to

William the Grandson, who being within Age at that time, the Guardianship of *William* was granted to *Douglas* his Mother, who held Court for this Mannor *An. 8 Jac. I.* but this *William Butler, Esq.* attaining the Age of twenty one, *An. 10 Jac. I.* held a Court there in the same Year in his own Name; but in short time after died, for this Mannor was in the Possession of

Ibid. 8 Jac. I.

Ibid. 10 Jac. I.

Anthony Butler, Gent. An. 11 Jac. I. who being at that time under Age, the Guardianship of the said *Anthony* was granted to *Robert Tirwhit, Esq.* who, by Reason hereof, held a Court here the same Year.

Ibid. 11 Jac. I.

Not long after this *Anthony Butler* attained to his full Age, and conveyed this Mannor *Anno 17 Jac. I.* to

Sir John Weld, Kt. who demised it to

Hund. of
Caishot.

Sir James Stonehouse, Kt. John Weld, William Whitmore, and George Whitmore, Esqrs. after the Death of Sir John Weld, it came to the Possession of

Humphry Weld, Esq. Anno 17 Car. I. who soon after died, for

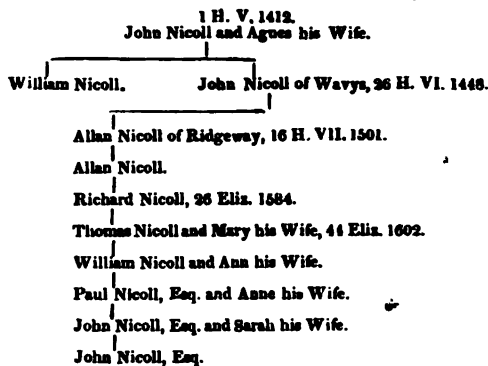
Frances Weld, the Widow of the said Humphry, held the same Anno 18 Car. I. from whom it was conveyed to

William Small and Thomas Urmstone, Gent, Anno 21 Car. I. who by Deed dated Apr. 30, 1658, aliened it to

Thomas Munday, Esq. he granted it An. 17 Car. II. to John Elsome, Gent. who conveyed it in the 17th Year of Charles II. to

John Latten, Esq. and it was sold Anno 3 Jac. II. to Richard Haleys, Esq. and Thomas Mariot, Gent. in Trust for John Nichols of London-place in the County of Middlesex, Esq.

THE PEDIGREE OF JOHN NICOLL, ESQ.



John Nicols, Esq. who sold this Mannor An. 1695 to Sir Thomas Cooke, Kt. late Sheriff of London, and one of the Aldermen there, and the present Lord hereof.

THE Church is situated in the Middle of the Town, which contains three Allies divided with four Arches on either Side of the Middle Isle, covered with Lead, with a Chancel at the East End hereof, and a small Chappel or Vestry House built by Thomas Ravenscroft, Esq. a square Tower is erected at the South End of the Church, wherein hang a Ring of five Bells covered with Lead, and a short Spire erected upon it; but 'tis no more then a Chappel of Ease to East Beret, and hath the same Minister, who finds a Curate to serve the Cure, and is the Patron of both.

A fair Monument of white Marble in the Wall on the South Side of the Chancel railed in with Iron Bars, and supported with three Pillars of Grey Marble on an Altar Tomb, where lies the Portraiture of an old Man in a Gown set with Buttons and Loops, and a Ruff, with his Hands in a Praying posture, a Canopy over it, and this Inscription over him.

Thomas Ravenscroft, Armigero illibatæ integritatis Viro Ingenio felice, Magnitudine Anima perquam celebri inter suos; propter constantem Amicitiam caro apud omnes, propter Justitiam colendo; Cui fortuna plus debuit quam attulit Respublica plus gratia quam retulit. Jacobus heres et

Hand. of
Cairnes.

filius verè pius, nè tanti meriti Memoria et Virtutis adeò eximia, aut longo mortis silentio, aut Posteritatis ingratitude contabescerent; propriis sumptibus rediit. hoc Monumentum Æternæ Pietatis et gratitudinis testimonium excilavit, An. Dom. 1632.

Natus Westwarden in Comitatu. Flint genitus ex antiqua Ravenscroftorum prosapia. Uxoris, ei vultis, duas habuit; Thomasinam Smith, et Brigetam Powel; ex quarum primâ filios habuit Jacobum, Thomam, Johannem, et Georgium, Filias, Elizabetham et Thomasinam: Vixit annos sexaginta. Septemb. obiit 12 die Febr. anno salutis, 1630.

Under his Portraiture in one Column is writ.

Jacobus primogenitus Patre superstite uxorem ducit Mariam, Filiam Gulielmi Peck Armigeri; cujus memori hoc summam fuit Solamen et oblectamentum, quod vitam vixit et gratum Patri et ad optatum.

In the second Column.

Thomas filius natu secundus, optimæ æpei summæq; suavitatis puer, annos natus 5. immatura morte occubuit.

In the third Column.

Johannes filius natu tertius; cujus vitæ studium et mores sicut grata et jucunda fueri Patri; Ita Charissimi Parentis mors et amissio, filio piensissimo ingentes luctus atq; dolores attulere.

In the fourth Column.

Georgius filius natu minimus, bonarum Literarum et vere Virtutis studiosissimus, magna spei adolescens; in medio studiorum cursu, florentibus annis, immatura morte abreptus. Vixit annos 17. obiit 27 Maii 1628.

In the fifth Column.

Elizabetha et Filia et Famina, Religione in Deum, Pietate erga Parentes, Charitate in suos, Comitatu in omnes insignis; cui conjugii vita brevis, et mors felicior successit 31 Maii 1630. Ætatis suæ 28.

In the sixth Column.

Thomasina nupta Godfrido Copley de Stalbrooke Ebor. Filia Patri Charissima et Superstes. hoc ipso suis usq; charior, quod fecundior.

A Monument in the Wall on the East End in the North Corner of the Chancel.

In Memory of *Thomas Ravenscroft*, the Wife of *Thomas Ravenscroft*, Esq; she died the 12th of December 1611.

Whom Nature made a lovely modest Maid,
And Marriage made a loving Virtuous Wife,
Her Death hath made a Corps, and here hath laid
A Goddess-Saint in everlasting life.

Blest in her Choice, a Husband true and kind;
Blest with three Sons, two Daughters left behind:
Blest in her Life, whilst lov'd of each degree;
Blest now most blest in Souls Felicity.

Then weep not you (her Friends) for her,
For she among the Saints doth Sing
And pray to Jesus Christ, that he
Will you to her in Heaven bring.

Another Gravestone has this Inscription.

Hic

Juxta Avum suum sepultus jacet

Georgius Ravenscroft,

Filius secundo Genitus

Jacobi Ravenscroft, Armigeri,

Obiit 7. Julii An. Dom. 1683.

Ætatis suæ 61.

Superstite uxore Dominâ Hellenâ ——— nec non Jacobo filio, Maria et Elizabetha filiabus; reliquis liberis ante Obitum suum morte sublati.

R. J. P.

*Hand. of
Cairnes.*

Another Stone below the former has this Inscription.

Here lieth interred the Body of *William Noell* of *Witby* *Malist* in the County of *Leicester*, Esq; He married *Frances* the Eldest Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of *Richard Creshel* late one of the Justices of the Commonpleas, and departed this life the first of *March*, Anno Dom. 1645. aged about 55 years.

Another Gravestone below the Rails in the Chancel.

Here lieth the Body of *George Procter*, Vintner and Citizen of *London*, he departed this Life, *September* the 8th. 1656. leaving three Sons by *Sarah* his Wife surviving, one of the Daughters of *Henry Owen* of this Town.

Sarah the Relict of *George Procter* died the Wife of *Walter York*, Octob. 2d. 1661. who had issue by him two Daughters, *Sarah* and *Bridget*; here she sleepeth expecting a joyful Resurrection.

Another Stone below the Rails in the Chancel.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Isabella*, late Wife of Mr. *Edw. Bellew* Citizen and Vintner of *London*, who departed this Life *Decemb.* 20th. 1666.

Epitaphum.

Faithful to God, to Strangers kind, to Husband dear,
To her Children sweet, to all, yea to herself, severe.
Fruitful in Progeny, in Life and Death devout,
Poor Soul!
Long tired with lingering pain, at last marched out
Into a purer air, there to remain
Until her Soul and Body shall meet again.

Decessit ex hac vita tanquam ex hospitio non tanquam ex Domo commemorandi enim natura diversorium et non habitandi dedit.

Another Marble.

Here lieth the Body of *John Marsh* late of the *Middle-Temple*, Gent. Son of *William Marsh* of this Parish, Gent. he died the 10th. day of *August* 1685. *Etat. sue* 22.

Here also lieth the Body of *Matthew Marsh* Son of *William Marsh* the younger of this Parish, Gent. He died the eighth day of *Septemb.* Anno Dom. 1685 : *Etat. sue* 24. weeks.

Nomen idem, Domus una fuit, nunc una duobus.

Hic sunt felices terq; quaterq; duo.

Hic scitus est.

Jacobus Ravenscroft, Armig. ex antiquâ Familiâ Ravenscroftorum de Bretton, in Com. Cestriz oriundus. Natus Londini, Thoma Ravenscroft, Armig. Patre. Tomasina, uxore ejus, Matre.

*Consortem habuit Mariam, Filiam
Guillelmi Peck de Spickworth in Comitatu
Norfolciz Armigeri, superstitem;*

*Filios, Thomam, Georgium, Jacobum,
Johannem, Robertum, Franciscum,
Edwardum; Filias Thomasinam.
Elizabetham, Mariam, Catherinam.*

Vixit annos 85.

Obiit X. Decembris 1680.

*Cum generis humani et Patrie suae
Mutationes Longum vidisset.*

*In memoriam Patrie Charissimi
Posuit Georgius Filius.*

Two fair Marbles on the Ground have these Inscriptions.

Jacobus Ravenscroft, Armig.

Vixit annos 65

Obiit X Decemb. 1680.

Upon the other Stone.

D. O. M.

Et Memoriae

Johannis Ravenscroft Filii Thomæ, Armig. cujus Pietati ac Religioni maxime obstricta est Tota hæc Ravenscroftorum Familia, Obiit Cælebs 24 Nov. Anno Dom. 1681. Postquam vixisset annos fere 75.

R. J. P.

A Monument erected in the Wall, on the North Side of the Chancel.

Here lieth Eleanor Palmer, Wife of Edward Taylor and after of John Palmer, Esq. of *Stentish Town*, one of the Daughters of Edward Chesmar, who was Cofferer to King *H. VII.* which Eleanor did give — Acres of Meadow Ground in *Stentish Town* holden of the Prebend of *Pancras Cantelous* unto the Use of the Poor of this Town and of *Stentish Town* for ever; which said Eleanor deceased 29 Feb. Anno Dom. 1558.

In the Middle Isle facing the North Door a Stone has this Inscription.

Orn præ anima Johannis Beauchamp hujus Operis Fundatoris.

The CHARITIES.

The Almshouses.

D. O. M.

Maneat posteris intemperatum

Hoc Zenodochium,

Gratitudinis in Deum.

Perenne Monumentum.

Fundavit Jacobus Ravenscroft, Armiger.

Et Maria Uxor ejus,

Anno Salutis Humane 1672.

Benedictus Benedicat.

Benedictus Benedicatur.

This House is a Range of Brick Building situated in ~~the~~ *High Bernet*, with a Court-yard inclosed from the Street with a Brick Wall covered with Free-stone, and contains six Apartments for six poor Women, each furnish'd with a Table, a Bedstead, and a Chair; and this *James Ravenscroft* gave Houses and Lands in *Thornditch*, to the Value of almost forty Pound per Annum, whereof he allowed ten Pounds to the Repair of the Chappel in *Bernet*, forty Shillings to entertain the Governors at a Meeting once in two Years; and appointed nine Governors, whereof the Church-wardens of the Parish of *High Bernet*, and the two oldest Aldermen in Years of the Borough of *St. Albans*, to be four, and the other five to be elected out of the Gentry of this Country, (none of them living in this Parish) and one of these Governors to be Treasurer, who shall receive the Rents and pay the Charity; and five of the Governors to make a Court to elect the poor Women, and to let the Houses to Tenants.

The Free School.

Queen *Elizabeth* erected a Free School in the same Street, a fair Pile of Building of Brick for the Master and Usher, and endowed it with a House of 7*l.* per Annum; and Alderman *Owen* gave about 8*l.* per Annum towards the Maintenance hereof, to be paid by the Company of Fishmongers in *London*; and appointed twenty-four Governors, whereof thirteen make a Court, and they choose the Master and Usher, who are bound to teach nine gratis, and the Rest of the Children in the Parish at a Crown by the Quarter.

EAST BERNET, BERGNET

THIS Vill was Part of *Chipping Bernet*, in the time of *William* the Conqueror, for no Mention is made of it in *Domesdei Book*; and it was since distinguish'd from the

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Catspoe.*


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Caisbor.*

last Vill by the Addition of ~~East Bernet~~, denominated from the Scituation thereof, about a Mile toward the East near the Chace among the Hills, and is now Parcel of the former Mannor, and has always past with it : Therefore I shall only take Notice of two fair Seats erected within this Vill, one by *George Hadley*, Esq. who was constituted Sheriff of this County Anno 3d *William* and *Mary*, the other (call'd by the Name of *Prickitts*) by Sir *John Wolf*, who was elected one of the Sheriffs of ~~London~~ and ~~Middlesex~~, An. 1696, 8 *William* III.

THIS Church is situated in the Middle of this Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Albans*, in the Diocess of ~~London~~, and was rated Anno 26 *H. VIII.* at the yearly Value of 23*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* whereof ——— is Patron.

Rectors of High Bernet and East Bernet.

Matthias Milward, D. D. *Robert Taylor*, D. D. the
John Goddwin, D. D. present Incumbent.
John Goddwin, M.A.

The Church is ceiled within and covered with Tyle, to which joyns an Erection of Wood at the West End thereof, wherein are three small Bells and a short Spire upon it, and the Chancel was rebuilt Anno 1663, by Sir *Robert Bartlet*, and others of the same Parish.

Here lies the Body of *William Green*, Esq. who died quietly and christianly the 6th of *June* in the 68th Year of his Age, lamented by his Widow and three Daughters, and missed by all who conversed with him, especially by his poor Neighbours.

Here is also interred the Body of *Mrs. Grace Green*, Wife of the above named *William Green*, Esq. she lived beloved, and died bewailed of all that knew her, especially the Poor, and on the 4th Day of *Jan.* 1685, departed this Life in the 87th Year of her Age, and the 41st of her Widowhood.

Another Stone hath this Inscription.

In Memory of

The religious and vertuous *Mrs. Isabel Conyers*, Widow, who after more than 76 Years in this mortal Life, departed to an immortal upon the 14th Day of *March*, 1644.

This is engraved on another Stone.

Here lieth the Body of *Richard Baldwin*, Esq. who died the 12th Day of *July*, 1677. Aged 66 Years.

On this Stone you may read.

Here lieth the Body of *Elizabeth Wickham*, late Wife of *Henry Wickham*, Doctor of Divinity, who died *April* 21. 1659.

Another Stone sheweth this Inscription.

Here lieth the Body of *Jane*, the dearly beloved Wife of *Matthew Thwaites* Gent. who was married unto her said Husband 41. Years and 6. Months Aged 68. Years, and 3. Months, and was buried *Novemb.* 26. 1650.

A Virtuous Pattern of a pious Mind
To Heaven is gone, her Body here behind
Is left intombed to follow her most sure;
Her Spotless Body of a Soul most pure
Through Christ in this for ever to endure. }

*Head of
Catsbor,*



NORTHALL, NORTHAWE.

THIS Vill was waste Ground in the time of the Conquest, for there is no Mention of it in *Domesdei Book*, and I find in ancient Authors, that this Place was a Wood which belonged to the Monastery of *St. Alban*, and *Paul*, Abbot of that Monastery in the time of *William* the Conqueror, granted it to *Peter de Valoines* the elder, and his Son *Roger*, for so long time as the said Abbot should live, upon Condition that when the Abbot should die, it should return again to the said Monastery, for if it should continue to the Son, the Grandson and the great Grandson in Succession, it would be thought they had the Right of Inheritance, and by the Custome of the Realm, might hold the same for ever.

But when this Abbot died, which was the third of the Ides of *November*, *An. Christi*, 1093, 5 *W. II.* the Church of *St. Alban* was vacant for four Years following, and this *Peter* unwilling to part with so fair an Estate, took that Opportunity to hold the Possession; and afterwards to gain the Consent of *Richard* the succeeding Abbot, that he might still hold the said Wood; he and *Albreda* his Wife, Sister to *Eudo Dapifer* (who was Steward to King) *H. I.* for the Health of the Soul of King *William* the Conqueror, and *Maud* his Queen, and for the good Estate of King *Hen. I.* founded the Priory of *Winham* in *Norfolke*, for Monks of the Order of *St. Benedict*, and made it a Cell to this Abby, amply endowing it with Lands and Revenues.

Upon the Death of this *Peter*, *Roger*, who was his Son and Heir, detained the Possession hereof, and married *Gundred de Warren*, by whom he had Issue *Peter* and *Robert de Valoines*.

Which *Peter* possest this Wood many Years, till at length falling sick, kept his Bed and began to languish, *Robert* then Abbot of *St. Albans*, hearing the same, made no Delay, but sent two Monks to admonish him earnestly before he died, that he would restore the Wood of *Northawe* to the Monastery again, according to the Agreement, but when they came, they were not suffer'd to see him, which things being imparted to him, he confest, that he and his Ancestors did not hold the Wood by Right of Inheritance, but by the meer good Will of the Convent of *St. Albans*, however the Day following at Night, he died before he had delivered the Wood to their Pleasure.

When *Robert* the Abbot heard of his Death, he sent Officers who took Possession of this Wood, whereupon *Robert de Valoines*, Brother and Heir to the said *Peter*, (for he had not any Children) did grieve very much that he was depriv'd

*Matt. Paris de
Vitis. Abbat.
fol. 82, 83.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178*

*Ibid. fol. 313.
Bar. of Engl.
vol. 1, fol. 441.*

*Matt. Paris de
Vitis Abbat.
fol. 82.
Bar. of Engl.
vol. 1, fol. 441.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 83.*

Ibid.

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Caishoe.*

of so much Land, and often requested the said Abbot by some of the chiefest of the Nobility, that he would give him Possession of the Wood, which the other in no Wise would grant; whereupon *Robert de Valoines*, An. 1162, 8 H. II. repaired to the King, who was then in France, and did earnestly move him that he would command the Abbot to grant him the Wood; the King wearied with his Importunities, and busied then at the Siege of the City of *Cholouse*, by the Advice of his Nobles, did grant his Desires, and by Letters sent into England, by the same *Robert*, commanded the Abbot to give him the Wood, which Letters were immediately delivered to the Abbot, who caused them to be publicly read in the Audience of him and his Monks; this done, *Robert de Valoines* demanded Restitution of the Wood according to the King's Command, inasmuch as he ought to hold the same by Right of Inheritance of the Church of *St. Alban*, but the Abbot in no wise inclining to answer his Demand, said that he ought not at any Hand to have brought those Letters to any of them, when he knew well, that none of his Predecessors held any Lands of them by Right of Inheritance, whereupon *Robert de Valoines* departing in an Anger applied himself to *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, then Chief Justice of England, and delivered the Letters to him in which this Clause was contained, *Et nisi feceritis Robertus Comes Legria faciat: Ne oporteat eum inde amplius vexari, pro penuria Recti*; From whom he easily obtained a Summons directed to the Sheriff of *Hertford*, by which he should summon *Robert* the Abbot, that he being instructed of the said Wood should shew his Right, and should give him a full Answer, but unwilling to stand to the Judgment of the Earl, came not tho' he was summon'd, but appointed *Hugh*, a wise and discreet Monk, to appear there on his Behalf.

The said Earl not bearing with the Absence of the Abbot, caused him to be summoned again, and he himself not appearing, the Earl did condemn him, and in the King's Court did adjudge the aforesaid Wood to *Robert de Valoines*, and on the King's Behalf commanded the Sheriff of the Province of *Hertford*, that he should put him into Possession, who obeyed the Writ, and did execute the same.

Robert de Valoines having obtained the Possession during the short time he enjoyed it (as one who unjustly possess it) often wasted the same, causing it to be cut beyond Measure, which was not lawful for his Ancestors according to the Tenor of their Deeds.

When the Abbot heard these things, he sent Officers to view the Waste, who found that the Damage committed there could not be repaired; then he hastened to Earl *Robert*, and obtained his Letters that he would restrain the inju-

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rious Acts of *Robert de Valoines*; but he slighting the Commands of the Earl did twice the Damage he did before, which the Abbot hearing, did address himself to Queen *Eleanor*, then in England, requesting her Letters to *Robert de Valoines*, to reprove his bold, rash, and unjust Doings, whose Admonitions he obeyed for a time, but soon after committed double Damage again; then the Abbot complained of these Wrongs to the Pope, who sent his Letters to *Theobald* Archbishop of Canterbury, and *Hillary* Bishop of *Chichester*, that they cause the said *Robert* within thirty Days to restore the Possession of the Wood to the Abbot, and upon his Contempt to declare Sentence of Excommunication against him.

The Bishop having read the Letters, feared to publish the Excommunication against him, for that the King had prohibited them from excommunicating any of the Nobility in the time of his Absence, in the mean while the Abbot sent one of the Monks, to sollicite the King remaining then near *Cholouse* with his Army, that he would command *Robert* Earl of *Leicester*, that he would hear Judgment in his Court between himself and *Robert de Valoines* concerning the Wood of *Northaw*, according to the Tenor of the Charters by which the Monastery of *St. Alban* did possess the same, but the King denying his Petition till at length overcome with his importunate Prayers, writ to the said Earl of *Leicester*, commanding him that he should not by any Means suffer the said *Robert de Valoines* to cut, give, or sell, any of the said Wood before his Return into England, which Commands the Earl laid upon him, and he tho' unwilling, yet observ'd them; moreover the Abbot taking it very heavily that himself and the Church should be unjustly bereaved of the Wood, called a Council of the Monks and went to the King, return'd from the Siege of *Cholouse*, still remaining in *Normandy*, and one hundred Pounds being given, obtained a Writing to Earl *Robert*, wherein he was required, that both Parties being called before him and the Allegations thereupon being heard, he should decide the Cause of the Right of Propriety according to the Tenor of the Deed of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and other Deeds, and give definitive Sentence therein, which things acted so successively, and having the King's License to depart, he returned Home, and delivered the King's Letter to Earl *Robert*; thereupon *Robert de Valoines* was summoned before the said Earl, and forty Days were granted to him to appear; in the meantime the Abbot desired Leave to visit the Monks at the Cell of *Thymnuz*.

When the Day came that the Abbot and *Robert de Valoines* ought to try the Matter in Difference between them at Law, *Symon* the Prior of the Church of *St. Albans*, made his Claim at London according to his Mandate, but

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Robert de Valoines never appeared; the Earl displeased at the Absence of the Abbot admonish'd the Prior that he should direct a speedy Messenger to his Abbot, that he should not be absent at the second Summons at *Leicester*.

Robert the Abbot stayed about fifteen Days at *Chynemuz*, and then took a Journey towards *Scotland*, and passing over the Sea, came to the Abby of *Bumfirdin*, where having washt his Hands, he intended to lie down to Sleep, and behold a certain Boy in Hast, and out of Wind, came to him, and brought him Letters from *Symon* the Prior, which having viewed, he lost no time, but refresht himself and mounting on horseback, commanded his Servants that they should immediately follow him, whose Command being fulfilled, he crossing the Sea, came the same Day to his Inn fasting, but the Day breaking, he hastned his Journey towards *Leicester* so fast as he could, yet he could not be there at the prefixt Day, by Reason of the Distance of the Place, and the high Waters of the Rivers; however he came near *Leicester*, where he rested at a certain Street all Night, and humbly excused himself to the Earl; but notwithstanding, *Symon* the Prior came thither by the Command of the Abbot, at the Day appointed, and *Robert de Valoines* would not appear before the Judge, yet Judgment was deferr'd the second time notwithstanding the Diligence of the Abbot was declared to all.

Robert de Valoines is summoned the third time by the Earl to appear at the same Place, and forty Days are given to him again to be at the Tryal: but on the Day appointed the Abbot appearing and *Robert de Valoines* absenting himself, the Earl seized the Wood which he had forfeited to the King for his Contempt, then he caused him the said *Robert*, to be summoned the fourth time, and granted him six Weeks for his Appearance, but the Day coming and the said Abbot making his Claim at *Leicester*, and *Robert de Valoines* not appearing, nor sending his Answer, nor Counsel as before, he did adjudge the Wood of *Northam* to the Abbot by the Judgment of the Court, and thereupon put him into Possession by the Bough of a Tree and did compel *Robert de Valoines* to make Restitution for the Damage and Injury he had done.

Afterwards King *John* did confirm the Grant of this Wood, among many other things, to that Monastery, and the Abbot and Monks did quietly enjoy the same until the 5th Day of Dec. 1589, 31 Hen. VIII. when that Monastery was dissolved, and came to the Crown, from whence the Mannor of *Northam*, *Nynne*, and *Cuffely* was granted to

William Cavendish, who held it of the King in the time of *Edw. VI.* by the yearly Rent of 3*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* ob. conveyed it to Sir *Ambrose Dudley*, who in 3 *Edw. VI.* served under the Command of his Father, General of those Forces sent

to suppress the Rebels in *Dorset*. In 1 *Mary* he was attainted of High Treason, but in 3 & 4 *P. and M.* through the special Favour of that Queen was restored in Blood, and was shortly after at the Siege of *S. Quintinus* in *Picardy*. In 1 *Eliz.* obtained a Grant of the Mannor of *Bibworth Beauchamp* in the County of *Leicester*, to be held by the Service of Pantler to the Kings and Queens of this Realm at their Coronations; In 2 *Eliz.* was advanced to the Office of Master of the Ordinance for Life; in 4 *Eliz.* upon Christmas-day, to the Title of Baron *Lisle*, and the next Day to the Dignity of Earl of *Warwick*; 6th of *April* he had a Grant of the Castle, Mannor, and Borough of *Warwick*, and divers other Lordships in that County, which his Father had forfeited to the Crown by his Attainder. He was made Captain General of all her Forces in *Normandy*, and during his Continuance there, was elected Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter, in 13 *Eliz.* He was constituted Cheif Butler of *England*, and in 15 *Eliz.* was sworn of her Privy Council; he raised here a stately House from the Ground, and contrived it in very beautiful Order, gracing it with delightful Gardens and Walks, and sundry other Pleasant and necessary Devices.

He married three Wives, first *Anne* Daughter and Co-heir to *William Whorewood*, Esq. Attorney General to King *H. VIII.* second *Elizabeth* Daughter to Sir *Gilbert Tailboys*, Kt. Sister and sole Heir of *George* Lord *Tailboys*, and the third *Anne* Daughter to *Francis* Earl of *Bedford*; he died at *Bedford-house* without Issue, 21 *Feb.* 1589, 32 *Eliz.* and was buried in that beautiful Chapel at *Warwick* adjoining to the Collegiate Church, where his Monument is still to be seen.

But I have heard, shortly after this Mannor came to the Possession of Lord *Russel* of *Thornhaugh*, and after him to *Richard Sidley*, Esq. who in Anno 1624, 22 *Jac. I.* was constituted Sheriff of this County.

William, who was his Heir, as I have shewed before in *Digswell*, sold this Mannor to

William Leman, Esq. who in Anno 1634, 10 *Car. I.* was constituted Sheriff of this County, and on the 17th of *November* in Anno 1645, 21 *Car. I.* was elected a Burgess to serve for the Burrough of *Hertford* in Parliament, in the Place of Sir *Thomas Fanshaw*, Kt. of the Bath; he gave an hundred Pounds to discharge the Debts of that Burrough, and upon his Decease this Mannor came to

William, who was his eldest Son and Heir, which *William* was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 3d of *March* 1665, 17 *Car. II.* in Anno 1676, 28 *Car. II.* was constituted Sheriff for this County, in Anno 1690, 2 *W. & M.* was elected one of the Burgesses of Parliament

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*Bar. of Engl.
vol. 2, fol. 220.*

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Ibid.

*Bar. of Engl.
vol. 2, fol. 220.*

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for the Burrough of ~~St. Martin~~ *St. Martin*, and is the present Lord hereof.

THIS Church is a Donative, and the Lord of this Manor is Patron hereof.

The VICARS.

——— *Tompson*
——— *Starbucke*
Robert Gery

William Pyke
John Pinchback.

This Church is erected in the Deanery of *St. Alban* in the Diocess of *London*, the Body of the Church is ceiled, and *Sir William Leman* hath added a fair Chappel to it; there is a Tower at the West End of the Church, whereof the lower Part is built with Stone, the upper Part with Wood, wherein is one Bell, and in the Church are some Monuments and Gravestones thus inscribed.

Mrs. *Francis Russell* Daughter to *Sr. Francis Russell* of *Northall*, Kt. and *Catharine* his Wife about the age of fifteen months, deceased the 29th. of *August* 1612.

Virginity, Beauty, Honour, all in One
If these could turn Marble into pretious Stone.
Stone thou art pretious who entombed lie
In one all Honour, Beauty, Virginity.

Here lyeth the Body of *Cony Hayward*, Gent, who dyed the 28th. day of *April* ann. 1671.

Cubat hic inhumatus
Patritius Cary, Arm.
Claudit ille diem extremum
Decimo octavo Junii
Ann. Orbis Redempti 1660.

Another.

Here lyeth the Body of *Helen Robins*, the Wife of *Eliaba Robins*, Mercer, Daughter of *William Boulton*, Esq; who departed this life the 21 of *March* 1647. aged 32.

Here lye the Bodies of *Anne* and *Margaret* the Daughters of *Robert Masters*, of this Parish, Gent. *Anne* deceased the 24th. of *July* 1679. *Margaret* deceased the 15th. of *May* 1680.

Here lyeth *George Southaik*, Citizen and Grocer of *London*, who married *Elizabeth* one of the Daughters of *Philip Gunter* of *London*, Alderman, he had issue by her five Sons and five Daughters, and deceased the ninth day of *March* 1606. *Ætat. sua* 86. his Son *Thomas Southaik* of *London*, Grocer, caused this Monument at his Charge to be erected.
He lyeth not here, here is but his Dust,
His Soul is living with the Just.

Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. *Margaret Tythan*, the Daughter of Mr. *Thomas Tythan* of this Parish, Gent. who died the 25th. of *September* 1686.

Here lyeth the Body of *Peter Southaikes* the Son of *Peter Southaikes* of *London*, he died the 15th. day of *January* 1678-9 aged 5 Months.

CHARITIES.

King James I. gave 40*l.* per Annum to this Town, in lieu of the Ground that he inclosed out of the Common and laid to his Park, whereof 20 Marks is employed to the Use of the Schoolmaster, and the Rest is distributed among the Commoners or Housekeepers there at 5*s.* a piece.

Richard Colter gave 50*l.* to the Poor of this Parish, the Interest thereof to be employed yearly to their Use, and 10*s.* to the Parson for a Sermon.

Rachel Draggate, Spinster, gave 50*l.* the Interest thereof to be employed in the same manner as the last is directed.

Babbington Stately gave 50*l.* the Interest thereof to be yearly employed to the Use of the Poor.

Sir William Leman, Lord of this Mannor, of his own free good will, allows the Rent of the Wells which is 10*l.* per Annum to the Poor of this Parish, and 'tis hoped will settle the same upon them, but that is at his Pleasure.

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Caishoe.*

RIDGE.

'TIS very propable that this Vill was waste Ground at the time of the Conquest, belonging to some of the Neighbouring Villis, for I find no Mention of *Ridge* in those Days, which doubtless was since denominated from the Ridge of the Hill, whereon the Church is since erected; it belonged to the Monastery of *St. Alban*, and *John Moot*, the sixth Abbot of that Christian Name, began a fair Mansion at *Wittenhanger* within this Vill, where he and his Successors might retire for their Ease and Pleasure, and recreate themselves with their Friends and Relations, but died before he could finish the same.

John of Wittenhamsted succeeded him, who did not only finish what his Predecessor had begun, but also made a fair Addition to it: He enlarged the Chappel, and caused the Similitude of all the Saints of his own Christian Name of *John* to be painted on the Wall, with his own Picture, which seemingly thus pray'd

*Cum fero per Nomen per ferre precor simul omen ;
Tum paribusque pari licet impar luce locari*

The Abbots held this Mannor till the fatal Year of their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown, and King *Henry VIII.* granted it to

Sir Hugh Paulet, who had Issue *Elizabeth*, who was his Second Daughter, and one of his Coheirs; she married *Sir Thomas Pope*, Kt. both whom levy'd a Fine of the Mannor of *Blackhide alias Corsers*, four Messuages, and certain Lands in *Colewood alias Celfwood, Corsers*, and *Ridge*, to the Use of them and his Heirs: They held it of King *Edward* by the yearly Rent of 5*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* 0*b.* and he was constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 6 *ejusdem Regis*, and he served again in the same Office for the same Counties in the 5th and 6th Years of *P. & M.* and soon after he died, leaving one Daughter, who was his sole Heir, and married

Thomas Blount, Esq. a second Branch from *Blounts-hall* in the County of *Stafford*, and I guess was bound by his marriage Agreement to bear the Name of *Pope*, to preserve it to Posterity, for from that time he annex it to his Sir-name; and he was constituted Sheriff for this County An. 40 *Eliz.*

De Fin. Mich.
1 Ed. VI.
Rot. 355.

Rot. Pip. 6
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6 P. and M.

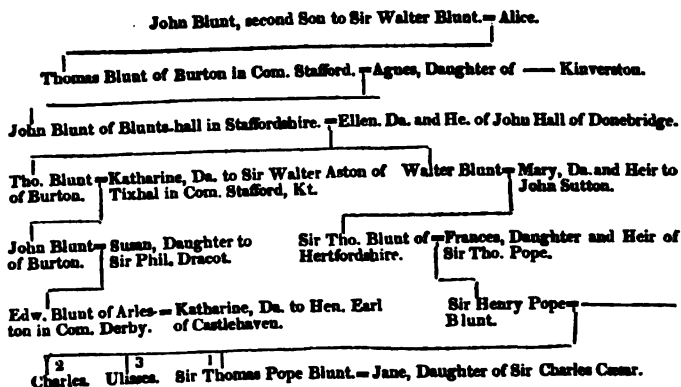
Rot. Pip. 40.
Eliz.

*Hund. of
Catsheer.*

*Rot. Pip. 13
Car. II.*

Henry Pope Blunt succeeded, travelled into *Turkey*, and the Eastern Parts of the World; upon his Return into *England* was knighted, constituted Sheriff for this County, *Anno* 1661, 13 *Car. II.* built here a fair Structure of Brick, made fair Walks and Gardens to it, and died seiz'd hereof.

Thomas Pope Blunt was his eldest Son, resided here, married *Anne* the only Daughter of *Sir Henry Caesar* of *Benington Place*, in this County, *Kt.* was created Baronet by Letters Patents, dated the 27th. of *Jan. Anno* 1679, 31 *Car. II.* He served for the Burrough of *St. Albans* in two Parliaments, one held 7 *Feb. Anno* 30 *Car. II.* the other held in the 13th of *August, Anno* 31 *Car. II.* He served for this County in three other Parliaments, one held 1 *W. & M.* another in the second Year of the same King and Queen, and the third held *Anno* 7 *W. III.* and he died on the 9th of *June* 1697, leaving *Sir Thomas* his Son and Heir, the present Lord hereof; His Arms are *Barry nebulee of six Or and Sable, within a Bordure, Gabornee Argent and Azure; Crest out of a ducal Coronet, two Hornes issuant Or.*



This *Sir Thomas Pope Blunt* being a Baronet, I think necessary to give some Account of this Honour, which was instituted *Anno Dom.* 1611, 9 *Jac. I.* to raise Money to propagate a Plantation in the Province of *Ulster* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or to maintain thirty Soldiers a piece in *Ireland* for three Years, after the Rate of eight Pence Farthing per Day, which was paid in a Sum into the *Exchequer* upon the sealing of their Patent, which is the Reason they bear the Arms of *Ulster* in a Cantone, or in an Escochen, viz, in a *Field Argent, a sinister Hand couped at the Wrist Gules*: They are created by Patent under the Broad Seal, to them and the Heirs of their Body lawfully

begotten, and sometimes with a Remainder to another, and the Heirs Males of his Body, a Copy of which is at large in the Titles of Heraldry.

*Hund. of
Catshe.*

By their Patent they have the Addition of Sir to themselves, and the Title of Madam and Lady to their Wives, with Precedency before all Knights, except Knights of the Garter, Privy Counsellors, Master of the Court of *Wards* and *Liveries*, Chancellor and Under-treasurer of the *Exchequer*, Chancellor of the Dutchy, the Chief Justices of the King's Bench, the Master of the Rolles, the Chief Justice of the *Common Pleas*, the Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, and all other the Judges and Barons of the Degree of the Coif, the younger Sons of Viscounts, and Barons and Banerets made by the King under his Standard display'd in an Army Royal, in open War in the Presence of the King; they have also Place in the Gross, near the King's Standard in his Royal Army; their eldest Sons attaining the Age of one and twenty Years may receive Knighthood, they and all their other Sons and Daughters and their Wives, shall have Place respectively before the eldest Sons and other Sons, Daughters, and Wives, and all others whom their Fathers precede.

THIS Church was valued Anno 26 Hen. VIII. in the King's Books at the rate of 6l. 13s. 4d. per Annum, whereof ——— is Patron hereof.

In the Church are these Incriptions.

Here lie the Bodies of *William Blunt* the Father, and *Sir Thomas Pope Blunt*, Knight, his Son, with the *Lady Frances Blunt* his Wife, who had issue four Sons, *Sir Thomas Pope Blunt*, Knight, *Charles*, *Henry*, and *Charles Blunt* 1633.

We praise God for all his Mercies.

Here lies the *Lady Busby*, Wife of *Sir John Busby* of *Edwington* in the County of *Bucks*, Daughter to the *Lady Blunt* by her first Husband *Sir William Mainwaring*, who was slain in the defence of *Chester* for the King; she died the 28th. Decemb. 1667. in the Nineteenth year of her Age in Childbed of her second Child, a Daughter which survives to succeed her in those admirable perfections which made her memory dear to all that knew her.

Here lies the Body of *Charles Chamberlain* Citizen and Merchant of *London*, deceased the 10th of *October* 1663. *Ætatis* 59.

Here I shall conclude the Division of this High Constable with this Parish, and proceed to the next, which contains the Vills, Hamlets, and Wards of *St. Stephens*, *Parkward*, *Sleep*, *Smallford*, *Tittinghanger*, *Windridge-ward*, *St. Michaels*, *Sedburn*, and *Sandridge*.

The second Part of the fourth Division.

ST. STEPHENS PARISH.

THIS Vill borrowed its Name from the Saint to whom the Church is dedicated, and the magnificent *Offa* gave it

Head. of
Caister.



among other things, by other Names, which is the Reason that neither this Vill nor Mannor is mentioned by these new Names in *Domesdei Book*, only known there in general under the Title of *Terra Abbatis Sancti Albani*, and the Abbots held it until the time of their Dissolution when it came to the Crown; then King *H. VIII.* held a Court Leet and Court Baron in the five and thirtieth Year of his Reign, in his own Name, for this Mannor.

But at a Parliament begun at Westminster, 16th. of Jan. Anno 33 *ejusdem Regis*, it was enacted that *Anthony Denny*, Esq. one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, should have to him and his Heirs, all the Mannor or Lordship of the King in *Parkbury*, in the County of *Hertford*, and all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances in *Park*, called *Wortham*, *Spirth*, and *Crimesgate-field*, late in the Occupation of *John Coningsby*, the first Crop of a Meadow in *Park*, called *Slapenham-mead*, seven Acres of Land called *Cleppits* next *Elwood*, one annual Pension or yearly Rent of 26s. 8d. accustomed to be paid yearly out of the Vicaridge of *St. Stephen*, all the Tythes of Hey in *Sleep*, *Smallford*, *Thread*, *Husses*, and *Beach*, the two Water-mills called the *Park-mill* and the *Moor-mill*, with all Water-courses and Profits belonging to them, the Grange, or Farm called the *Beach*, and the Grange or Messuage called *Butterwick*, in the Parish of *St. Peters*; the Views of Franc-pledge, Courts, Profits, of Views of Franc-pledge and Courts, Heriots, Relieves, Escheates, Waifes, Estraiies, Wards, Marriages, Liberties, and all other Hereditaments, with their Appurtenances, in the Parishes of *St. Stephens*, *Park*, *Sleep*, *Smallford*, *Thread*, *Husses*, and *Beach*, *Wortham*, *Idlestre*, *Brittish*, and *Nashide*, belonging to the Mannor of *Parkbury*, also *Stordwood*, *Beach-grobe*, *Walls-grobe*, *Mead-grobe*, *Butterwick-copice*, *Bally-grobe*, and *Park-grobe*, except *Cotley-mill*, *Stanford-mill*, *Sopwell-mill*; and the Advowsons and Patronages of Churches, Chappels, and Chauntries, to hold of the King, his Heirs, and Successors, in Chief by Knight's Service, to wit by the 20th Part of one whole Knight's Fee, at the yearly Rent of 11. 10d. Sterling, payable at the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel.

Which *Anthony Denny*, Anno 34 *H. VIII.* was one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Groom of the Stool, one of the Privy Council, and married *Joan* Daughter of *Sir Philip Champernon* in the County of *Bedon*, by whom he had Issue *Henry*, *Edward*, *Arthur*, *Douglas* married to *John Dive*, Esq. *Mary* to *Thomas Astley*, sworn of the Privy Chamber to Queen *Elizabeth*, and *Honora* to *Thomas Wingfield*, Esq. But this *Anthony* surrender'd his Office of Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, and conveyed this Mannor of *Park* to *Henry Denny* his Son, who held a Court

Leet and Court Baron the same Year for this Mannor: He married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *John Lord Grey* of *Burgh*, and after her Decease, *Honora* Daughter to *William Lord Grey* of *Burgh*, by whom he had Issue two Sons, *Henry* and *Edward*, and four Daughters, *Anne* married to *George Goring* of *Burst* *Pierpoint* in the County of *Sussex*, Esq. *Dorothy* to *William Purvy* of ——— in the County of *Hertford*, Esq. *Katharine* to *Sir George Fleetwood* in the County of *Bucks*, Kt. and *Elizabeth* who died unmarried: He died about the 17 Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, leaving *Edward* his Heir, who was very young at that time, with *Arthur Lord Grey* of *Burgh*, Knight of the Garter, and *Francis Walsingham*, Principal Secretary of State, and one of the Privy Council, Executors of his last Will and Testament, who by Virtue thereof held a Court Leet and Baron in their Names on the 10th of *May*, in the same Year; and I find that from that time all the Courts for this Mannor were held in their Names until the 30th Year of the Queen, who held a Court here in her Name in that Year, but I suppose he attained to the Age of 21 Years in the Year 1589, 31 *Eliz.* for then the Queen conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon him, and in the last Year of her Reign, he was constituted Sheriff for this County, and attended King *James* with 140 Men, suitably apparell'd and well mounted, and presented his Majesty with a gallant Horse, and rich Saddle and Furniture, when he came from *Scotland* thro' this County to *London*; but before the Year of his Shrievalty expired, he was summoned by Writ to Parliament by the Title of Lord *Denny* of *Burgh* *Holy Cross*; and afterwards by Letters Patents dated the 24th of *October*, 2 *Car. I.* was advanced to the Dignity of an Earl, by the Title of Earl of *Northampton*: He married *Mary* Daughter to *Thomas Earl of Essex*, by *Dorothy* his Wife, Daughter and Coheir to *John Nevel*, Lord *Tatton*, by whom he had Issue *Honora*, who was his Daughter and Heir: but this *Edward Lord Denny*, 5 *Jacob. I.* levied a Fine of this Mannor and conveyed it to

Robert Briscoe, Esq. who sold it about the 14th Day of *August*, 1607. to

Sir Baptist Hicks, Kt. and *William Topperly*, and the Heirs of *Sir Baptist Hicks*, who being a wealthy Mercer in *London*, and a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, built a fair House in the Street called *Saint Johns Street* in the Suburbs of *London*, in the Year 1612, 10 *Jac. I.* Part thereof for a Court, where the Justices of the Peace for that County might hold their Sessions of the Peace, and the other Part for a Prison or House of Correction, from whence it was called *Hick's Hall*; and he founded an Hospital for six poor Men and six poor Women at *Camb-*

*Hand. of
Caines.*

*Rot. Car. 31
Eliz.*

*Bar. of Engl.
pt. 3. fol. 463.*

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

den in the County of *Gloucester*, in which every of them have two Rooms and a little Garden with two Shillings weekly for their Maintenance; he was created a Baronet by Letters Patents dated the first of *July*, 1620, 18 *Jac. I.* and advanced to the Honour of a Baron of this Realm by the Title of Lord *Hicks* of *Himington* in the County of *Warwick*, also of Viscount *Cambden* of *Cambden* in the County of *Gloucester*, with Remainder for Default of Issue Male of his Body to *Edward Lord Noel*, and the Heirs Males of his Body: He married *Elizabeth* Daughter to *Richard May* of *London*, Sister to Sir *Humphry May*, Vice Chamberlain to the King, by whom he had Issue three Sons, *Arthur*, *Arthur*, and *Baptist*, all whom died young, and two Daughters, *Julian* married to *Edward Lord Noel*, and *Mary* to Sir *Charles Morison* of *Catsobury* in this County, Kt. and after his Decease to Sir *John Cowper* of *Wainbourne St. Giles* in the County of *Dorset*, Bart. and upon the Marriage of his Daughter *Mary* to Sir *Charles Morison*, he conveyed this Mannor to

Sir *Charles Morison* and *Mary* his Wife, for the Term of their natural Lives and the Life of the longer Liver of them, the Remainder to the Heirs Males of the Body of Sir *Charles* begotten on the Body of *Mary*, the Remainder to the right Heirs of Sir *Charles* for ever, of whom I have treated in *Catsobury*; he died *Anno 4 Car. I.* leaving

Elizabeth his sole Daughter and Heir, who married *Arthur Lord Capel* of *Hadham*, of whom I have discoursed in that Parish, from whom this Mannor is come by lineal Descent to *Algernon Earl of Essex*, the present Lord hereof.

Customs of this Mannor.

ALL Surrenders of Copihold Estates holden of this Mannor, must be taken by the Lord or the Steward of this Court, unless the Copiholder making such Surrender lye in *extremis*, then two Tenants sworn to take such Surrenders in *extremis* may take it, but if such Copihold Tenant that made such Surrender shall recover and go abroad, such Surrender shall be void.

The Wife of a Copihold Tenant shall be endowed of the Thirds in his customary Estate.

The Husband of a Copiholder shall be Tenant by the Courtesie.

Copiholders may demise their customary Lands without License for three Years, but no longer.

Copihold Tenants may fell Timber without License.

If a Copiholder die seized of any customary Lands leaving no Issue male, only Daughters, the eldest Daughter only shall inherit, and in Case of no Daughters, but two or three Sisters, the eldest Sister shall be sole Heir by the Custom; the like Customs are in the Mannor of *Catsobury*.

ABSA now APESBURY.

Hund. of
Catsper.

IN the time of *William the Conqueror*, I find that the Abbot of *St. Alban* was possess of this Mannor, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

Abbas St. Albani tenuit Absa pro quatuor hidis se defendebat, tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro dim. hidæ. Terra est iv car. In dominio duo hidæ et dimid. et ibi sunt duo car. et duo Vill. cum iv Bord. habent. ii car. ibi ii Servi et i Molend. de x sol. pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Silva ccc. porc. Val. hoc Manerium xl. sol. quando recepit xx. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Godric homo Stig. Arch. non potuit mittere extra Ecclesiam St. Albani.

Domesd. Lib.
n. 10. fol. 134.

The Abbot of *St. Alban* held *Absa*, it was rated for four Hides in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor,) and now for half an Hide. The arable is four Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides and an half, and there are two Carucates and two Villains, with four Bordars having two Carucates, there are two Servants, and one Mill of ten Shillings Rent, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed three hundred Hogs in Pannage time. This Mannor is worth forty Shillings, when he received it twenty Shillings, in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds; *Godric* a Man (under the Protection) of *Stigan* the Archbishop held this Mannor, he could not put it out of the Jurisdiction of *St. Alban*.

The Abbots and Monks of *St. Alban* held this Mannor until the time of their Dissolution, and the Inhabitants hereof paid to the Abbots, who were Lords of the Leet for the Mannor of *Parke*, one Shilling for a common Fine, and when it came to the Crown, *King H. VIII.* granted it by Charter dated 12th of *May*, Anno 32 Regni sui to *Ralph Rowlet* the elder and his Heirs, which *Ralph*, Anno 1542, was constituted Sheriff of this County, and soon after was knighted, and he died seiz'd hereof without Issue, leaving two Sisters, who were his Coheirs, from whom I guess it might come to—— *Marston*, who was Lord hereof. His Arms are —— a Fess dancette Ermin between three Fleurs de Liz. Afterwards it came to the *Briscoes*, and then it descended to *William Brisco* of *London* Cong, Esq. a Justice of the Peace for this County, and the present Possessor hereof.

Rot. Cur. H.
VIII. in oibus
annis,
Cart. 2 p. 32
H. VIII.

THIS Church was erected upon an Hill by *Ulsin* or *Ulsig*, one of the Abbots of *St. Alban* in the Reign of *King Etheldred*, about Anno Christi 950, in the Deanery of *St. Alban* in the Diocess of *London*, and in Anno 26 Henry VIII. it was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 15*l.* whereof *Henry Killigrew*, Esq. is the present Patron.

The Church is covered with Tyle and hath a small Tower at the West End thereof, with a short Spire upon it; in the Church are some Grave-stones with these Inscriptions.

Hic jacet Willielmus Robins, armiger nuper Clericus Signeti Edwardi quarti nuper Regis Angliæ; et Katharina uxor ejusdem Willielmi: qui quidem Willielmus obiit 4. die mensis Novembris an. Dom. 1482. quorum animabus——

Clericus Signeti or *Signetti*, is an Officer continually attendant on his Majesty's Principal Secretary, who always hath the Custody of the Privy Signet as well for sealing of his Majesty's private Letters, as also such

*Hand of
Cainſee.*

Grants as paſſe his Maſteſty's Hand by Bill ſigned; of theſe there are four that attend in their Courſe, and were wont to have their Diet at the Secretaries Table, whoſe Office is ſet forth at large in the Stat. of 27 Hen. VIII. ca. 11.

Another Stone has this.

Here lyeth Robert Turberville and Dorothy his Wife, which Robert dyed the 26. of Feb. 1629. and Dorothy the 7. of October 1621.
Sancis Crisſian, unus Deus, miſerece nobis.

Here lyeth John Turberville Vicar of this Church who died — 1526 —

*Quas tēgit hac Petra, juvat Chorū, et Bonus una.
Sax pulvis factus, Willus Davis nomine dictus,
Cum Margarethā Sponsali fedore iuncta:
Cum puer debeta, qui transis, sis, pueror, ora.*

*Hic jacet Johannes Gril, quondam Magister
Sancti Juliani, et Vicarius istius Ecclesie,
Qui obiit sexto die Decembris 1449.
Cujus animæ propitiatur altissimus.*

In the Chancel of St. Stephens.

Here lies interr'd the Body of Edmund Coles, late of Park-berry. Gent. who deceased the 17th. day of August 1679. aged 71.

*Honestū Vixit,
Neminem læsit,
Suum cuiq; tribuit.*

Many of the same Family are buried here.

On the South Wall of the Church.

Memoria Sacrum.

Under this Marble lies the Body of James Rolfe, Esq; Official of the Archdeaconry of St. Albans, Commissary of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, and one of the Masters of Chancery, who lived 65. years and died the 27. of Octob. Anno Domini 1630.

Epitaphium.

James art thou here? and must this Church of Stephen
Inshrine thy body now thy Soul's in Heaven?
Had not thy Monument been better fixt
Nearer that of Abbot John the sixth,
By Albans Shrine, where thy religious care
Redeem'd those sacred relics from despair.
No, thou wast wise, and sure thou thought it better
To make each Protomartyr's Church thy debtor
That glories kept by thee from ruins rust
And this may glory that it keeps thy Dust.

Mrs. Grace Rolfe in a pious love to the worthy Memory of her deceased Husband erected this Monument.

In the South Isle.

Here lies the Body of Captain Simon Gordon of Barnhill in Hertfordshire who died the 18th. day of October 1669. aged 68. years, was married to Sarah Hoste 16. years, 3. quarters, by whom he had issue two Sons and three Daughters.

Of honest birth, of Merchant trade
A man of Worthy fame,
A Captain of St. Christophers,
Simon Gordon by name,
From burning Sun to frozen Sun
His youthful years he spent;
The Wonders of the Lord he saw
To his Souls great content.

Religious was his life to God,
 To men his dealings just,
 The Poor and Strangers they can tell
 That Wealth was not his trust.
 His Soul to God he did commend,
 His body to the dust,
 Where he sings continual Praise
 In glory with the just.

*Hand. of
 Caishoe,*

Here lieth *James Ellis* Son of *John Ellis*, Esquire, of *St. Julians*, born the 15 of *March* 1643. and died the 29. of *June* 1668.

PARKEWARD

WAS denominated from the Mannor of *Parke*, rated severally by itself from any other Place, and is Part of the said Mannor.

SLEEPE and SMALLFORD,

ANOTHER Hamlet, Parcel of the Mannor of *Parke*, which lie in the Parish of *St. Peters* in the Town of *St. Albans*, but is rated severally by itself from any other Part of the Parish, and is chargeable by the High Constable of this Division.

TITTENHANGER

IS a small Hamlet within the Parish of *Widg*, but chargeable by itself in all Rates and Taxes from the Rest of that Parish, and laid to this Division.

ST. MICHAELLS

IS one of three Parishes in *St. Albans*, of which I have treated already, because the Church is situated there, but the Parish extending out of the Town, is chargeable in all publick Taxes to this Division.

WINDRIDGEWARD

COMPREHENDS the Mannor of *Windridge*, of which I have treated in the Town of *St. Albans*, because it is Parcel of the Parish of *St. Michaels*, where the Church is erected, however is ratable distinctly by itself from the Parish, and charged in this Division.

REDBURNE.

EGELWINE the Black, and *Wincelsted* his Wife, by and with the Consent of King *Edward* the Confessor and *Edithe* his Wife, gave this Mannor to the Monastery of *St. Albans*, by the Name of *Redburne*, so termed from the River near which 'tis seated, and the Road which leads from *St. Albans* through the River there to *Dunstable*; for *Red* or *Road* signifies in our old *English* a Passage where People ride or travel, and *Burne* a petty Rivulet;

*Matt. Paris de
 Vita Abbatis,
 fol. 45.
 Mon. Angl.
 vol. 1, fol. 178.
 Dugd. Warr.
 fol. 219.*

*Hand. of
Caishoc.*

*Camd. Brit.
tit. Hert. fol.
341.
Matt. Paris de
Vita Pauli
Abbat. fol. 50.*

others say, that *Redburne* signifies red Water, yet the Water in the River is no more red, than the Water in the red Sea; and others say, that it was so called *ab arundine*, from a Place overgrown with Reeds.

When *William* the Conqueror had obtained that great Victory in the Battle of *Leotots*, where he slew King *Harold*, he marched with his Army through *Kent*, *Surry*, and *Berkshire* to *Wallingford*, where he passed over the *Thames*, there rested his Army a while, then came from thence through *Oxfordshire* and *Buckinghamshire*, to *Berkhamsted* in this County, where finding many Trees laid across the Way so that he could not pass with his Army, and learning that *Frederick* the Abbot of *St. Albans* had done the same, sent for him, and demanded the Reason of it; he boldly answered that he had done nothing, but what the Duty of his Birth and Profession required, and if others of his Rank had performed the like (as they well might and ought) it had not been in his Power to have marcht so far into the Land; but this and his other bold Answers so offended the King, that he took this Town from the Abby, with all the Lands and Revenues belonging to that Monastery which lay between *Bermet* and *London Stone*, and the Abbot to avoid the Danger of his Wrath, went to *Elp*, where he desisted not from his Contrivances against the Conqueror, till he ended his Days in great Grief of Mind, but upon the Death of this Abbot, *Paul*, a Monk of *Caunt*, succeeded, and he by the Aid and Assistance of *Lanfranc* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, obtained from the Conqueror the Restoration of this Town, and all other Lands and Revenues back again; and when that great Survey was made, it was recorded that

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135, n. 10.*

In Redburne ten. Abbas St. Albani septem hid. et un. virgat. Terra est sexdecim car. in Dominio tres hidæ et un. virgat. et ibi quatuor car. ibi sexdecim Vill habentes duodecim car. ibi unus Servus. et duo Molend. de vigint. sex solid. pratum un. car. et dimid. pastura ad pec. Silva trecent. porc. in totis valent. valet trigint. lib. quando recepit quindecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi sexdecim lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Ecclesia St. Albani, Stigan Archiepiscopus tenebat dis mortis Regis Edwardi, sed ab Ecclesia separare non poterat.

In Redburne ten. Ameiger de Abbate tres virgat. et dimid. Terra est duo car. et ibi sunt. cum duobus Vill. et duobus cotar. Silva ducent porc. valet trigint. sol. quando recepit trigint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quadragint. sol. Hanc terram tenet et tenuit St. Albanus.

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held seven Hides and one Virgate in *Redburne*. The arable is sixteen Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides and one Virgate, and there are four Carucates, there are sixteen Villains having twelve Carucates, there is one Servant and two Mills of six and twenty Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow one Carcate and an half, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed three hundred Hogs; in the whole Value, it is worth thirty Pounds by the year, when he received it fifteen Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) sixteen Pounds. This Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Jurisdiction of the Church of *St. Alban*. *Stigan* the Archbishop held it on the Day of the death of King *Edward* (the Confessor,) but he could not sever it from the Church.

Amelger held three Virgates and an half of the Abbot of *St. Alban* in *Redburne*. The arable is two Carucates, and they are there, with two Villains and two Cottagers, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs; it is worth thirty Shillings by the Year, when he received it twenty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) forty Shillings. *St. Alban* held and doth hold this Land.

*Hund. of
Calshoe.*

King *H. I.* confirmed the Grant of this Vill in the first Year of his Reign, amongst divers other things, to the Monastery of *St. Albans*, and moreover gave this Church to the clothing of the Monks, and King *John* in the first Year of his Reign, confirmed the said Grants to the Monastery again.

MS. Mr. Cox.

But about *Easter 1 H. III.* *William Marshall* the elder, *Ranulph* Earl of *Chester*, *William* Earl of *Albemarle*, *William* Earl *Ferrers*, *Robert de Vetereponti*, *Brienus de Insula*, *William de Entelope*, alias *Lentelope*, *Philip de More*, *Robert de Gangis*, *Falcatus de Brent*, and others, having gathered together great Forces to besiege the Castle of *Mount Sorrell* in *Leicestershire*, *Henry de Braybrook* the Governor of that Castle, sent to *Sayer de Quincy*, Earl of *Winchester*, then at *London*, with the Frenchmen to aid him against them, whereupon Earl *Patricius* the Marshal of *France*, *Sayer de Quincy*, *Robert Fitzwalter*, and others, marching thither towards his Relief, in their Way, spoiled and defaced this Church as they past thro' the Town.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178.*

This Place has been very famous, and many People have resorted hither in Respect of the Bones and Relicts of a certain Clerk, called by some *Amphibalus*, which have been found here, who is reported to have lodged at the House of *St. Alban* in the City of *Verulam*, to avoid the Persecution which then happened to the Christians under the Government of *Dioclesian*, during which time he had the Opportunity to instruct *Alban*, and to convert him to the Christian Faith; He was a Man, saith *Bale*, unmatchable for Learning and good Life, and had great Success in preaching the Gospel throughout all Parts of *Britain*. He fled from *Verulam* with a great Number of his Converts into *Scotland* to escape the Execution of the Edict made by *Dioclesian* against all those who profest the Christian Religion; from thence he went into the Isle of *Anglesey* in *Wales*, where he was made Bishop of that Place, and preacht the Word of God in all Places there, and disputed against the worshipping of Idols and false Gods, but being afterwards apprehended, he was brought to the same Place where *Alban* suffered Martyrdom, was whipt about a Stake to which his Entrails were tied, and so winding his Bowels out of his Body, he was stoned to Death like another *Stephen*; and some of the persecuted Christians stole his Body and buried it privately here, from whence it was removed and enshrined by the Relicts of *St. Alban* on the 25th Day of *June*, 1178.

*Weav. Acts
and Mon. p.
586.
Norden, p. 21*

Hand. of
Cathoe.

*Nullum unquam tam jucundum tam salutarem diem vidit
Verulamium, saith Harpesfeild, occurrebat enim Martyr
Martyri, Magistri Discipulus, Hospes Hospiti, & Cales-
tis Civis concivi Celesti.*

The Convent of *St. Albans* was so careful that his Re-
liques should be devoutly preserved, that *Thomas* then Ab-
bot, made a Decree that a Prior and three Monks should
be appointed for so sacred an Office, for which they allow'd
them a Sallary of 20*l. per Annum*. He was a rare Linguist
and a great Divine for those times, he wrote a Book against
the Errors of the Gentiles, and certain Homilies upon the
four Evangelists, with other learned Works mentioned by
Bale.

This Town is seated upon that common and military High-
way which is called *Watling-street*, and hath near it a cer-
tain Brook called *Wenmer*, otherwise *Womer*, which
never breaketh forth and riseth, but it foretellet Dearth
and Scarcity of Corn, or else some Extremity of dangerous
times, as the common People observe: since this time this
Mannor has continued in the Possession of the Abbots of
St. Albans, until the Dissolution of that Monastery when
it came to the Crown.

The Mannor of AIGNELL

BORROWED its Name from *John de Aignell*, who was
Lord hereof in the time of King *Edw. II.* but he residing
at *Uring*, I shall treat of him there, to which I shall refer the
Reader. *John* of *Wetherhamsted*, a famous Abbot, pur-
chas'd this Mannor in the Reign of King *Edward IV.* for
the Use of the Church of *St. Albans*, in whose Possession
it continued until the Dissolution thereof, when it came to
the Crown, from whence it was conveyed to *John Cocks*,
who held it in the time of King *Edw. VI.* by the yearly Rent
of 10*s. ob.* from which Family it was conveyed to — *Be-
south*, in whose Name it continued till it past to *Francis
King*, Gent. by the Marriage of *Mary*, one of the Daugh-
ters and Coheirs of *John Besouth*, by whom he had Issue
Francis and *Mary*.

Francis succeeded, and married *Sarah* Daughter of —
Cotton of *Turners-hall*, in the Parish of *Harding*, Gent. by
whom he had Issue *Francis* married to *Anne* Daughter of
William Cotton of *Lincolns Inn*, Esq. *Thomas* married to
Sarah, Widow of *Charles Day* in the Town of *Cambridge*,
John, and three Daughters; and *Francis King* the elder is
the present Possessor hereof.

In the time of King *H. VI.* *John* of *Wetherhamsted*, that
famous Abbot of *St. Albans*, rebuilt this Church and con-
secrated the Altar there: it is scituated near the Vill in the
Deanery of *St. Albans*, in the Diocess of *London*, and *An.*

p. 398. line 14
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36 H. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 16*l.* 5*s.* whereof ——— is Patron hereof.

*Hand. of
Cathos.*

SANDRUAGE, now SANDRIDGE.

THIS Vill being Part of the Revenue of the Mertian Kings, King *Egfrid* Son of *Offa*, gave it *An. 796*, 1 *Regni sui* to the Church of *St. Albans*, by the Name of *SandrUAGE*, so denominated by the *Saxons*, from the Soil of the Place, and the Service by which the Inhabitants held their Lands, for the Soil is sandy, and *Age* signifies the Service of Bond-tenants, and the Abbot of this Church held it in the time of the Conqueror, when it was recorded that

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In Albaneston Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani ten. Sandridge pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est tresdecim car. in Diminio tres hidæ, et ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri, ibi viginti. sex Vill. habentes decem car. ibi duo cotar. et un. Serous, et un. Molend. de decem sol. pratum duo car. pastura ad pec. Silva trigint. porc. in totis valentiis valet octodecim lib. quando recepit duodecim lib. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135.*

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held *Sandrbridge* in *Albaneston Hundred*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is thirteen Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides, and there are two Carucates, and a third may be made, there are twenty six Villains having ten Carucates, there are two Cottagers, and one Servant, and one Mill of ten Shillings Rent, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed thirty Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth eighteen Pounds by the Year, when he received it twelve Pounds, the Rent in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor.) This Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Jurisdiction of the Church of *St. Albans*.

King *Henry* and King *John*, in their several Reigns, confirmed the Grants of this Mannor to the said Monastery; and upon an Inquisition *Anno 6 Edw. I.* it was found that the Predecessors of the Abbots of *St. Albans* held the Mannors of *Kaisbo*, *Wickmerestworth*, and *Sandrbridge*, that they were ancient Demeasne time out of Mind before the Conquest of *England*, and the Abbots acknowledged the same; these Abbots held this Mannor until the Year of their Dissolution, when it came to the Crown; from whence it was conveyed by Charter dated the 12th of *May*, *An. 32 Hen. VIII.* to

Ralph Rowlet, Esq. Father of Sir *Ralph Rowlet*, Kt. who died seiz'd hereof, leaving two Sisters, who were his Coheirs, *Mary* married to *John Maynard* of *St. Albans*, Esq. the other to *Ralph Jennings* of *Church*, in the County of *Somerset*; and upon the Partition, this Mannor fell to the Wife of *Ralph Jennings*, who had Issue *Thomas* and *John*.

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Thomas Jennings succeeded, but dying without Issue, it descended to

John Jennings, who was his Brother and Heir, and married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *William Bronker*, by whom he had Issue *John* and *Thomas* married to *Veere* Daughter to

*Hund. of
Caishoc.*

Sir *James Palmer*, Knight, and Lord of the Mannor of *Sayes* in the County of *Middlesex*, but this Mannor of *Sandridge* came to

John Jennings, who was his Son and Heir, and married *Alice* the third Daughter of Sir *Richard Spencer*, by whom he had Issue *Richard*, *Anne*, who died unmarried, *Elizabeth* wedded to ——— *Hill*, a Turkey Merchant, ——— married to ——— *Grove*, he was invested Knight of the Honourable Order of the Bath at the Creation of *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, constituted Sheriff of this County *Anno* 1626, 2 *Car.* I. served for the Burrough of *St. Albans* in two several Parliaments, one held *Anno* 15 *Car.* I. the other in the Year following, and he died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

Richard, who was his Heir, succeeded him, and married *Frances* Daughter and Heir to Sir *Giffard Thornhurst* of *Agnes Court* in *Kent*, Bar. by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Ralph*, *Francis* married to Sir *George Hambleton*, Knight, in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, after him to *Richard Talbot* Duke of *Tyronel*, *Barbara* married to *Edward Griffith*, Esq. and *Sarah* married to *John Churchill*, Earl of *Marlborough*, Baron *Churchill*, of *Sandridge*, &c. whose Titles I have set forth in *St. Albans*.

John succeeded his Father, but dying without Issue this Mannor came to

Ralph Jennings, his Brother, who enjoyed it a short time, and dying without Issue it descended to his three Sisters and Coheirs, *Frances* Dutchess of *Tyronel*, *Barbara* Wife of *Edward Griffith* Esq. and *Sarah* Countess of *Marlborough*; and upon the Partition the two elder Sisters sold their Part to *John* Earl of *Marlborough*, who is thereby become possess of the entire Mannor, and is the present Lord hereof.

THIS Vicaridge is situated near the Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Alban* in the Diocess of *London*, and *Anno* 26 *Henry VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 8*l.* whereof the Lord of this Mannor is Patron.

VICAR, Mr. Edmund Wood.

Here I shall conclude this Part of this Division, and proceed to the next, which contains the several Vills and Parishes of *Pauls Walden*, *Codicote*, *Wanfield*, *Shephale*, *Berton*, *Borton*, and *Netoham*.

The third Part of the fourth Division.

WALDEN.

THE magnificent *Offa*, King of the *Mercians*, gave this Vill to the great Abby which he founded, and was dedicated to the Honour of *St. Alban*, the Protomartyr of *Britain*,

by the Name of **Walden**, so called from the Springs which rise in the Vale; for **Wall** in the Saxon Language signifies Springs boyling out of the Earth, and **Den**, a Vale; all which agrees with the Scituation of this Vill; and the Abbots of this Church held it in the time of the Conquest, when it was recorded under the title of *Terra Abbatis Sancti Albani*.

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

In Albaneston Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani ten. Waldene, pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est quatuor decem car. in Dominio tres hidæ, et ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri. Ibi septemdecem Vill. cum uno francig. habent decem car. et adhuc un. potest fieri, ibi novem Bord. et tres Servi, et un. Molend. de quindecim sol. pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. Nemus ad sepes et domos in totis valent. valet et valuit octodecim lib. et decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. lib. et decem sol. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, u. 10.*

The Abbot of St. Alban held **Walden** in **Albaneston Hundred**, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is fourteen Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides, and there are two Carucates and a third may be made; there are sventeen Villains and a Frenchman born, having ten Carucates, and now other may be made; there are nine Bordars and three Servants, and one Mill of fifteen Shillings Rent, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood for Hedges and Houses; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth eighteen Pounds and ten Shillings by the Year, in the time of King **Edward** (the Confessor) twenty Pounds and ten Shillings by the Year. This Mannor did lye and now doth lye in the Jurisdiction of the Church of St. Alban.

This Vill was called **Abbots-Walden**, because the Abbots were the Lords hereof, and kept Courts here, which were called *Hallmotes*, until the tenth Year of *H. VIII.* and then these Courts were called Views of Franc-Pledge, and and by that Name were held until the fatal Year of the great Dissolution of Abbies, when this Mannor came to the Possession of King *H. VIII.* and a Court Leet and Court Baron was held here in his Name on the ninth Day of *May*, Anno 32 of his Reign; but it did not continue long in his Possession, for about the 36th Year of his Reign he granted the same to the Dean and Chapter of **St. Paul, London**, who held a Court Leet and Court Baron for this Mannor in their Name on the 7th of *July*, in the same Year of that King, and from that time this Parish has been known by the Adjunct of **Pauls Walden**, and has ever since continued in the Church of *St. Paul, London*; the Dean and Chapter of that Church having been the Lords hereof.

*Rot Cur.
Man 32 H.
VIII.
Ibid. 36 H.
VIII.*

By the Custom of this Mannor all Surrenders of Coppihold Estates must be taken by the Lord of the Mannor, or their Stewards, unless a Coppiholder lie *in extremis* and then he may surrender the same by the Hands of a Coppiholder, sworn in some Court to take Surrenders of Tenants, who lie *in extremis*, but if such Tenant, who has made such Surrender, shall happen to recover and go abroad, the Surrender so made to become void.

*Hund. of
Catsbor.*

There is another Custom, That if any Coppholder die seiz'd of any customary Land, held of this Mannor, his Wife (if surviving) shall have Dowre.

The Mannor of HOO.

WAS derived from the Mannor of ~~Walden~~ *Walden*, and received its Name from *Hough*, which in the Saxon Language signifies high, and gave Name to *Hoo* an ancient Saxon, who was Lord hereof, in whose Family it has continued for many Ages, till of late Days when the Name expired by an Heir Female, who married Sir *Jonathan Keate*, Bart. who in Right of her became Lord of this Mannor, therefore I think it necessary to give what Account I have seen of this Family.

Descent. Rot.

Robert Hoo 'tis said, possessed this Mannor in the time of King *Canutus* the *Dane*, and was a great Man in those Days, for he married *Anne* the Daughter of *Iden* or *Guido*, Lord *Griffith* of ~~Wales~~ *Wales*, who died the 26th of Oct. Anno ——— She was Mother to Sir *Thomas Hoo*, and lieth buried in the Parish Church of *Letton*, where his Arms were depicted with his Wives.

Sir *Thomas Hoo* married *Amy* Daughter of Sir *William Walton*, by whom he had Issue, *Robert*, and he died 19th of Oct. Anno 1018, and lieth buried in the Church of *Letton*, in the County of *Bedford*.

Rot. memb. 1.

Sir *Robert Hoo*, Knight, married *Wylmote* Daughter of *John Malmaynes*, but in an ancient Roll, called *Malmanes* of *Normandy*, he died the 23rd of *February* 1129, and she died the 24th of *January* 1148, leaving Issue *Robert*.

Sir *Robert Hoo*, Knight, married *Rosamond* Daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Chelton*, by whom he had Issue *Alexander*, he died the first of *August*, 1166, and she the 23rd. of *July* 1191, in Anno 2 *Rich. I.*

Rot. memb. 2.

Sir *Alexander Hoo*, married *Dernelle*, in the old Descent *Darmagnel* Daughter of *Alexander*, King of *Scotland*, by whom he had Issue, *Robert*, he died the eighth of *March*, A. D. ——— and lieth buried in the Island of *Rhodes*, and she died the 15th. of *March* A. D. ———

Sir *Robert Hoo* died the 12th. of *Jan. A. D.* ——— and was buried in the Church of *Allsouls* at *Cozel* super *Bumber*.

*Prin's Parl.
Ihre. pt. 3.*

Sir *Robert Hoo*, Brother to the last *Robert* married *Beatrice* Daughter of *Alexander*, Earl of *Andfvel* in *Normandy*, by whom he had Issue *Robert* he was elected Knight of the Shire in the Parliament held Anno 26 *Edw. I.* and died the ninth of *May*, 1310, lieth buried at *Letton*, she died the 28th of *May*, 1314, and was buried at *Knebworth*, in this County.

Sir *Robert Hoo* was installed Knight of the noble

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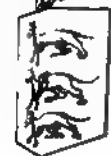
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THE *HOO.*



Heate Esq.^r

humbly presented by

J. Draper.

Bps Sarisford, 1886.

Order of the Garter, and married *Hawise* Daughter of *Fulk*, Lord *Fitzwaren* by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, he died the 1st. of *November*, Anno 1311, and was buried in the Church of *Allsouls* at *Cowzel* upon *Humber*, she died the 2nd. of *September* Anno 1344, and was buried in the Church of the Grey Friars at *Dunstable*.

Sir *Thomas Hoo* married *Isabel*, the Daughter and next Heir to *John St. Legier*, by whom he had Issue, *William*, died on the 28th Day of *Sept.* An. 1380, and was buried in the Church of *St. Albans*, *Isabel* his Wife died on the 22d of *July*, An. 1393, and was also buried in the same Church.

Sir *William Hoo* was knighted, and married *Alice*, the eldest Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas de Sto Omero*, and of *Petronella* her Mother, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of *Nicholas de Malemaynes*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, he died on the 22nd of *Novemb.* 1410, and *Alice* died the 10th of *Oct.* An. 1456, and was buried at *Monk-buton* or *Mulbarton* in *Norfolk*.

Sir *Thomas Hoo* married *Almore*, one of the Heirs of Sir *Thomas Felton* Kt. and though in the Roll of his Descent, the Words *Comitis Huntingdon* be added, and so was called there Earl of *Huntingdon*, yet certainly that was a great Mistake, for it seems in the old Latin Copy of this Descent, the Words are written *Com. Hunting.* which signified *Comitatus Huntingdon*; and he had Issue by her *Thomas*, and died on the 23rd Day of *August*, An. 1420, *Almore* his Wife on the 8th Day of *August*, Anno 1400, and after her Decease, *Thomas* married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *William de Echingham*, and had Issue

Thomas Hoo, Esq. who was created a Baron of this Realm by the Title of Lord *Hoo* and *Hastings*, in the time of King *H. VI.* was installed Knight of the noble Order of the Garter, he first married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir to Sir *Thomas Felton*, Kt. by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, who dyed in his Life-time without Issue, after her Decease he married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of Sir *Richard Wyckingham*, Kt. by whom he had only Issue one Daughter *Anne*, who married *Geoffery Boleyn*, Kt. Citizen and Mayor of *London*, from whom Queen *Elizabeth* and the Lord of *Hunsdon* descended, and after her Decease he married *Eleanor* Daughter and one of the Heirs of *Leo* Lord *Welles*, by whom he had Issue *Jane* married to *Roger Copley*, Citizen and Mercer of *London*, *Eleanor* married to *Thomas Echingham*, Esq. Son of Sir *Thomas Echingham*, Kt. by whom she had no Issue, and after his Decease she married *James Carew* of *Bedington* in the County of *Surry*, Esq. the second Son, but at length Heir male to *Nicholas Carew* of *Bedington* aforesaid, Esq. *Elizabeth* the youngest Daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Hoo* and *Hastings* married

*Hund. of
Catshoe.*

Rot. memb. 2.

Esc. 9 Ed.
III. no. 21,
North.

Esc. 40 Ed.
III. no. 36,
Norf.

*Hand. of
Caishe.*
Esq. 33 H. VI.
a. 11, Norf.

Thomas Massingberg, Citizen and Mercer of *London*, and after his Decease, *Sir John Devenish*, and this *Thomas Lord Hoo* and *Hastings* died on the 13th Day of *Feb. An. 33 H. VI.*

After his Decease, this Mannor came to *Thomas Hoo*, Esq. who married the Daughter and Heir of *Norwood*, by whom he had Issue, *Thomas*; he died *Anno 1480*, and was buried in the Parish of *Hympton*.

Thomas Hoo, Esq. succeeded, married the Daughter of *Edmund Bardolfe*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, died on the 20th Day of *March, 1516*, and lyeth buried in this Parish Church.

Thomas Hoo, Esq. was his Heir, married the Daughter and Heir of *John Newman* of *Hattell*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, *Anne* married to *Thomas Read* of *Barton*, Esq. *Dorothy* married to ——— *Cater*, and *Margaret* to *Nicholas Brocket*, Esq. he died on the 11th day of *June, Anno 1551*, leaving Issue

Thomas, who held a Court for this Mannor on the 9th Day of *Jan. Anno 31 Eliz.* and married *Hellen*, the Daughter of *William Purient*, by whom he had Issue *William*, *Thomas*, and *Elizabeth*.

William succeeded, and married *Mary*, the Daughter of *Sir Francis Bickley* of *Barleston* in *Hackney* in the County of *Middlesex*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas* and *Susan*; he was constituted Sheriff of this County *Anno 1629, 5 Car. I.* and died the 14th of *March, 1636*.

Thomas succeeded, but dying without Issue,

Susan was his sole Heir, and married *Sir Jonathan Keate*, who was created Baronet by Patent dated the 12th of *June, 1660, 12 Car. II.* was constituted Sheriff of this County *Anno 17 Car. II.* served this County in Parliament *Anno 30 Car. II.* He had Issue by her *Hoo, Mary, Susanna, Elizabeth*, and *Jonathan*, whereof, the two last are dead, and *Susan* the Mother died on the 11th of *Jan. Anno 1673*, and was buried in the Chapple of *Hympton*. After her Decease he married *Susanna Orlibear* the Daughter of *Richard Orlibear* of the City of *London*, Woollen Draper: By the Marriage of his first Lady, he became Lord hereof.

The Descent of the ancient and noble Family of *Hoo*, was transcribed out of an old Copy remaining in the Possession of *Thomas Hoo* of *Woolbury* in *Abbots Walden* in this County; the Original was either written in a Ledger Book or Register belonging to some Abby, or in some ancient Roll or MSS. pertaining to the Family of *Hoo*, which upon the Division was allotted to one of the Coheirs, or remained still in the Custody of *Thomas Hoo*, Esq. Brother and Heir male of *Thomas Lord Hoo* and *Hastings*, as appears by several original Deeds and other Writings found in the Custody of

Sir Francis Carew of Waddington in the County of Surry, Kt. of the Bath, who had all or the greater Part of the original Deeds, and other Minuments and Writings in his Possession, after the Decease of Thomas Lord Hoo and Hastings his Brother. The Coat Armour of Hoo being Quarterly Sable and Argent is impaled in the before-mention'd Descent or Roll, with theseveral Coat Armours as followeth.

Hoo and Griffith, Azure, a Griffin Rampant with Wings displayed Or. Hoo and Wanton, Argent a Cheveron Sable. Hoo and Malmaines, Azure, three Sinister Hands two, one Argent. Hoo and Chiveron, Gules, two Chiverons Ermine. Hoo and the Daughter of Alexander King of Scots, Or, a Lyon Rampant within a double Tressure fleurette Gules. Hoo and the Daughter of the Earl of Andeville in Normandy, Or, a Fess Azure.

This Coat is doubtless one of those five which is seen upon the Seals hanging to the original Deeds of Sir William de Hoo, Kt. the great Grandchild to that Lady whose Name was Beatrix.

The other four Coats are Hoo's own paternal Coats, in the middle of St. Legiers, on the upper Sinister Corner, St. Omers in the lower dexter Corner, and Malmaynes in the lower Sinister Corner. For whereas Sir William de Hoo should have borne his own Coat Armour Quarterly in the first and fourth Place, with Andeville in the second, and St. Legier in the third, and so have impaled the Arms of St. Omer and Malmaines quarterly, he only caused these several Coates to be engraved on his Seals in Manner and Form as is above expressed, as being Arms which his Posterity might bear and enquarter with their own.

Hoo and Fitzwarin, Argent and Gules quarterly per Fess indented. Hoo and St. Legier, Azure, a Fret Argent, a Chief Gules. Hoo and St. Legier, quarterly impaling St. Omers, the first Wife and Malmaynes quarterly, viz. Azure a Fess between six Crosse Croslets Or, in the first and fourth Place, and Azure three dexter Hands two, one Argent; the Hands should be sinister, and yet they are dexter Hands, also in the Coat of Malmaynes found in the Seals of Sir William de Hoo; but that it seems happened by the Error of the Workman who engrav'd or insculped them left Hands on the Seal, which was right, not considering that they would prove dexter Hands in the Impression. Hoo quarterly in the first and fourth Places, with St. Omer in the second, and St. Legier in the third, impaling Wingfield, Argent, on a bend Gules three Hawks lures of the first between two Cotizes Sable; this was the second Wife of Sir William de Hoo, Kt. Hoo and Felton, Gules, two Leopards passant Ermine; first Wife, Hoo and Echingham, Azure frette Argent. This was the second Wife of Sir Thomas

Hund. of
Catshee.



Ibid. memb. 1.
MS. pences
Don. Jonathan Keate,
Bar.
Ibid. memb. 2.

MS. pences
Don. Jonathan Keate,
Bar.

Ibid memb. 3.

Hund. of
Catsbor.

Hoo, Kt. Hoo and St. Omers quarterly, with St. Legier in an Escoccheon of Pretence, which was the usual Bearing of the Lord *Hoo* and *Hastings* in his Seals, and was on his Plate at *Windsor*, being a Kt. of the Garter, empaling *Wichingham* the first Wife, *Ermine, on a Chief Sable three Crosses formee pattee Argent*. *Hoo, viz.* with the same Bearing impaling *Wells, Or, a Lyon rampant Sable*; this was the Lord *Hoo's* second Wife, but the Coat is mistaken, for the *Lyon* should be with a double *Tayl*.

THIS Rectory is appropriated to the perpetual Use of the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul* in *London*, and the Vicaridge in *Anno 26 Hen. VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at 10*l.* per Annum. The Dean and Chapter of *St. Pauls* are Patrons hereof.

The VICARS.

Mr. *Lokar*. Mr. *Bentham*, the present Vicar.

The Church is erected in the Deanery of *St. Adams* in the Diocess of *London*, it contains the Body, and one Isle on the North Side covered with Lead, and the Chancel with Tyle, and a little Chappel erected by the *Hoo's* covered with Lead; at the West End of the Church adjoyns a low square Tower, wherein hang a Ring of five good Bells, with a Spire Staff of Wood and a Weather Cock upon it; in the Chancel and Church are these Inscriptions.

Here lieth interred the Body of Dame *Elizabeth Hale*, late Relict of *Sr. John Hale* of *Stagenhoe*, Kt. who departed this life August the fifth 1673. in the 63*d.* year of her Age, who left one only Daughter, *Rose* married to *Sr. John Austen* of *Hall Place* in the County of *Hert.* Bar.

Nigh to this place lie interred the Bodies of *Henry Stapleford*, Gentleman, and *Dorothy* his Wife, the said *Henry* was Servant to Queen *Elizabeth*, King *James*, and King *Charles*, till the time of his Death. He departed this life the 31*st.* of May ann. Dom. 1631. and aged 76. years, *Dorothy* his Wife died the 2*d.* day of Febr. ann. Dom. 1630. aged 72. years, the said *Henry* and *Dorothy* having issue then, and yet living, *Dorothy* married to *Henry Henn*, Esq; who had issue *Mary* who died at the age of six Months and lieth here interred by her Grandmother. This Monument was erected at the Charge of the said *Henry Henn*.

Here lieth interred the Body of *William Hoo* of the *Hoo* in *Pauls Church*, Esq; who deceased the 14*th.* of March ann. Dom. 1636. leaving *Susan* his Wife, by whom he left issue *Thomas* his Son and *Elizabeth* his Daughter. *Ætat. sua 56.*

In Mundo moritur in Eterno obitur.

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Hoo* the — Son of *Thomas Hoo*, Esq; and *Hellen* his Wife lately deceased the 14*th.* of — also here lieth *George Hoo*, Gentleman, who died in his —

Here lieth the Body of *Mrs. Hellen Hoo*, the Wife of *Thomas Hoo*, Esq; and Daughter of *William Puryent*, Esq; who deceased the —

In the North Window next the Pulpit is the Effigies of *St. John*, with his Fan in his Hand, and the *Virgin Mary* with a Child in her Arms.

CHARITY.

Mr. Smith gave 14*l.* per Annum, issuing out of Lands in *Colson Barcep* in *Essex*, to bind out one or more Children in *Pauls Church* Apprentices, upon the Request of *Sir Henry Henn* one of his Trustees.

*Hund. of
Cotishoe.***CUDICOTE, CODICOTE.**

THIS Vill was Parcel of the ancient Possessions of the Monastery of *St. Albans*, and belonged to the same at the time of the Conquest, when it was recorded under the Title of *Terra Ecclesiæ St. Albani*.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178.*

In Bradewater Hundred. Codicote et Oxtwich duo Manerii fuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo est unum, pro octo hidis se defendebat. Terra est duodecim car. in dominio tres hida et un. virgat et ibi quatuor car. ibi sexdecim Vill. habentes septem car. et octava potest fieri. Ibi unus Francig. et tres cotar. et quatuor servi et duo molend. de duodecim sol. pratum duo car. pastura ad pec. Silva ducent. porc. in totis valentiis valet sex lib. quando recepit quinq; lib tempore Regis Edwardi duodecim lib. Hæc duo manerii jacuerunt in Ecclesia St. Albani tempore Regis Edwardi, ibi Aluvinus Gotone ten. tres hidas sub Abbate, non potuit ad Ecclesia separare, de hac terra quindecim acras invaserunt homines Comitum Moreton super Abbatem ut Homines de Hundred. testantur.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135.*

Codicote and Oxtwich in Bradewater Hundred were two Mannors in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) and now it is one, it was rated for eight Hides. The arable is twelve Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides and one Virgate, and there are four Carucates, there are sixteen Villains having seven Carucates, and eight may be made, there is one Frenchman born and three Cottagers, and four Servants, and two Mills of twelve Shillings Rent, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth six Pounds by the Year, when he received it five Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) twelve Pounds. These two Mannors did lye within the Jurisdiction of the Church of St. Alban in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) there Alwine Gotone held three Hides under the Abbot, he could not separate them from the Church; Men (under the Protection) of Earl Moreton entered upon the Abbot and wrongfully detains fifteen Acres of this Land, as the Men of the Hundred can witness.

'Tis observable by this Record that this Vill lay in the Hundred of *Bradewater*, in the time of *Edward* the Confessor and *William* the Conqueror, and the Name hereof signifies a Cottage, a small House or a Place for Sheep; they did also confirm to them the Grants of the Lands of all those Knights who were bound by their Tenures to defend all Scutages, and all other foreign Services, among whom *Alexander* the Son of *Thurold*, An. 1 *John*, held the Mannor of *Sassebernes*.

King *H. I.* and King *John* confirmed the Grant of this Mannor to the Church of *St. Albans*, and King *Hen. III.* granted a Fair to the Abbot to be held there, every Year on the Feast of *St. James* at *Codicote*, and a Market on every Friday in the Week.

*MS. in Bibl.
Cottoni.*

The Abbot claimed by the Grant of King *H. III.* a Fair in this Town, and 'twas allowed; and since the last, *Iter* the Abbot held a Market in this Vill, on Friday in every Week for ten Years then last past, which was to the great Damage of the King and his Borough of *Hertford*.

*Quo War 6
Ed. 1. Rot. 36
and 48, cur.
recept. Scac.*

*Hund. of
Caishor.*



The Mannor of SISSEVERNE.

IN the Reign of *Edw. I. Henry Chevall* was possess of this Mannor, he had Issue two Sons *Robert* and *Nicholas*, and after his Death great Strife and Debate arose between these Brethren, touching the Propriety of their Father's Estate in *Cudicott* and elsewhere, till some Friends accommodated the Difference, and then it was agreed and concluded between them by Indenture dated the 11th *Edw. II.* that these Lands should be entailed upon this *Robert*, and the Heirs of his Body, and he died seized of them, leaving Issue

John Chevall, who was possess of his Father's Estate, and made a Feofment thereof to *John Whiteham*, Vicar of *Cudicott* and his Heirs, who in short Space by Indenture dated on the *Monday* on the Morrow of *St. Michael* the Archangel, *Anno 15 Edw. III.* reconveyed the same to the said *John Chevall* and *Luce* his Wife, and the Heirs Males of the Body of *John Chevall*, who left Issue

Robert Chevall, who was his Heir, and had one Son call'd *John Chevall*, who enjoy'd it to his Death, when

Edmond Chevall who was his Heir succeeded, and had Issue two Sons, *Edmond* and *Edward*, and he dying seized

Edmond Chevall was his Heir, and upon his Decease it descended to

Luce who was his Daughter and Heir, and in the time of King *Hen. VIII.* married *John Penn*, Groom of the Privy Chamber, Porter and Barber to that King, and upon the Dissolution of Monasteries, he gave to him the Mannor of *Cudicott* for his good Services, and he had Issue *Thomas*, *Robert*, *John*, *Eleanor* married to ——— *Barr*, *Elizabeth*, and *Dorothy*, and upon his Decease,

Thomas Penn succeeded and married *Margery* Daughter of *Thomas Saunders* of *Agmondesham*, in the County of *Bucks*, by whom he had Issue *John*, *Susan*, *Mary*, and *Luce*, but *John* and *Thomas* both dying in the Life-time of their Father, this Mannor upon his Death, came to

Thomas Penn, the Son and Heir of *John*, who had Issue two Sons *John* and *Thomas*, but in the Year 1625, he sold both Mannors to

Thomas Penn his younger Brother, who enjoyed them until the Year 1659, about which time he conveyed them to

George Poyner, Citizen and Merchant of *London*, he built a fair House in the Mannor of *Cudicott*, with convenient Stables and Out-houses, and died about the Year 1670, leaving Issue *George*, *John*, *Mary* married to ——— *Hemsworth* of *London*, Merchant, *Elizabeth* married to *Samuel Garret* of *London*, Grocer, second Son of Sir *John Garret* of *Lanmet*, Bart.

George Poyner was his Heir, who lived sometime as a Factor at *Smirna*, afterwards returned to *England*, and married *Anne* the Daughter of ——— by whom he had Issue one Daughter called *Anne*, but his Wife dying, he espoused ——— and settled this Mannor of *Codcotte* upon himself and his Wife for Life, in Lieu of her Jointure, by whom he had Issue *George* who died in his Infancy; and *George* the Father died on the 15th Day of *March*, 1681, upon whose Decease, the Mannor of *Codcotte* came to his Widow, who married *Goddling Barrington*, Gent. who was a Captain of a Foot Company in the Militia for this County; but in the Year 1694, she died, and upon her Death, the Mannor of *Codcotte* descended to *Ann* the Daughter and sole Heir of *George Poyner*, but the Mannor of *Sissebernes*, as I am informed, past to *John* Brother of *George*, and his Heirs.

Hund. of
Cotshoe.

The Custom for taking Surrenders in this Mannor, is the same as in the *Parke* Mannor.

THE Rectory was appropriated to the Use of the Monastery of *St. Albans* by Pope *Honorius* in the Year 1218, and the Abbots were Patrons until the time of the Dissolution of that Monastery, when King *Hen. VIII.* granted the Advowson of the Vicaridge to the Bishops of *Elp* and their Successors, and it was rated 26 *Hen. VIII.* in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 7l. 5s. 8d.

Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol 170.

THE VICARS.

1342	16 Edw. III.	<i>John Whiteham</i>
1558	5 Mary	<i>John Darling</i>
1611	9 Jac. I.	<i>Thomas Rookes</i>
1663	15 Car. II.	<i>Thomas Loker</i>
1674	26 Car. II.	<i>William Swalden.</i>

This Church is situated upon a dry Hill near the Mannor House in the Deanery of *St. Albans*, in the Diocess of *London*, covered with Lead, and at the West End is a square Tower wherein is a Ring of five Bells, and within the Church lye several Gravestones which have the following Inscriptions.

In the Chappel belonging to *Sissebernes*.

Here lyeth interred the Body of *George Poyner*, Sen. Esq; and Merchant of *London*, who departed this life in the threescore year of his age, on the 24th. of *December* 1668.

In the Top of the Stone his Coat of Arms is engraved, which is a *Field*, Or, a *Parrot proper*.

Here lieth *Jeremiah Burwell* late Minister of *St. Andrews Hertford*, who departed this life *Febr. 11. Ann. 1668. Etatis sue 44.*

Here lieth the Body of *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Samuel Garrard*, second Son of *Sr. John Garrard*, Bar. Daughter of *George Poyner*, Esq; She died in the 20th. year of her age on the eleventh of *April*.

MDCLXXVII.

Here lieth interred the Body of *George Poyner*, Esq; Son of *George Poyner*, Esq; who departed this life in the 30th. year of his Age on the 15th. day of *March* 1681. who left issue one Son, and one Daughter *George*, and *Anne*.

His Arms are engraved on the upper Part of the Stone.

Here lieth the Body of *Anne* the Wife of *George Poyner*, Esq; by whom She had issue one Daughter, who departed this life in the 20th. year of her Age the 17. day of *Octob. Ann. Dom. 1678.*

*Hund. of
Caishe.*

The Arms of the Poyners are on the Wall.

Mantled Azure, doubled Gules with the Helmet according to his Degree.
In a Torse Or and Gules, a Stag issuant holding a Branch of Laurel between his Feet.

Here also lieth one Chisall, an ancient Owner of Bissiburnes, the Inscriptions in Brass are gone, but his Coat of Arms remain thereon, which is Or, three Horses' heads couped at the Neck Sable, crested and bridled Argent; 'tis also in the Glass Window.

In the same Window the same Arms are quartered with the Arms of the Penns, who were the last Owners of Bissiburnes by the marriage of the Heir of the Chisalls, the Arms of Penn is, Argent, on a Fess Gules between three Peacocks (close) Azure, a Lion passant gardant Or, between two Combs silver; the Crest on a Wreath, a Demi Lyon rampant Gules supporting a Comb Argent.

Upon the Wall is written,

Here under are interred the Bodys of Anne Poyner Daughter, and of Charles Hemsworth Grandson of George Poyner, Sen. Esq;

On the Wall in the Communion Chancel.

By stealing Steps of Time from Day to Month and Year
My earthly race is run, my Body's buried here.
Samuell Michell was my name, I make it known to Thee
One Wife, and Children five, the Lord hath lent to me,
My Soul is now with God to which my Corps shall come,
And both shall Sentence have from Christ in day of Doome.
When by his bloody Death, who is my Saviour just,
I shall have life for Aye, among his Saints I trust.
Now of my earthly race, if you the date will know
The Day, the Month, and Year are all exprest below.
6 June Anno Domini 1605.

Here lied the Body of Mary Michell, the Wife of Richard Michell, Gentleman, Daughter of John Brocket of ~~Essexhamstead~~, Esq; and had by the same Richard four Sons, and was buried the two and twentieth of February 1661.

Edward Wingate, Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for this County, did Certifie under his Hand, Ann. 1627, that there was a great Walnut Tree, grew on Bissiburnes Green, in this Parish, which was of that great extent that the Branches thereof cover'd 76. Poles of Ground: it fell with Age, and the weight of the Boughs cleft the Body of the Tree in the Middle to the Ground. Mr. Penn (who was Lord of the Mannor) sold so much of it to a Gunstock-maker of London, as he would carry thither for ten pounds which he paid, and sawed out in Planks of two inches thick, and half as much as filled nineteen Carts and Waggon. Mr. Penn had thirty Loads more which the Men left with the roots and branches; with the end of one root he waincoted a fair Room, made a Portall and many Chairs and Stools of the remainder; and Mr. Penn averred to my self and others, that he had divers times been offered fifty pounds for this Tree.

Edward Wingate.

Jasper Docwra born in ~~Ballmoode~~ in Codicote, doth averre that in the year 1622. He measured the circumference of Mr. Penns Walnut Tree, he being then 15. years old, and it was eight of his Fathomes of both arms in compasse round the Body.

Jasper Docwra.

BRANDEFELLE, BRANTFIELD

IN the time of William the Conqueror that King gave this Mannor to Hardwin de Escalers, a great Norman that assisted him in the Battle near Hastings; for 'tis recorded of him in *Domesdei Book*, That

In Hertford Hundred. Hardvinus de Scalers tenuit Brandetelle pro quinq; hidis et defendebat. Terra est sex car. in dominio quatuor hidae, et ibi est un carucat, et dimid. et dimid. potest fieri. ibi decem Vill. habentes duo car. et dimid et adhuc un. car. et dimid. potest fieri, ibi unus Servus, pratum un. car. pastura ad pecud. Silva centum porcis, et duodecim denar de ea. In totis valentiis valet quatuor lib. quando recepit quadragint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi centum sol. Hoc Manerium tenuit Achi Teignus Comitiss Heraldii et vendere potuit.

Hund. of
Tatshoe.

Domesd. Lib.
fol. 142, n. 37.

Hardwin de Scalers held Brandetelle in the Hundred of Hertford; it was rated for five Hides. The arable is six Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there is one Carucate and an half, and half another may be made, there are ten Villains having two Carucates and an half, and now another Carucate and half may be made, there is one Servant, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs, and twelve Pence Rent by the Year for Water. In the whole it is worth four Pounds a Year, when he received it, forty Shillings, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) one hundred Shillings; Achi a Thane of Earl Herald held this Mannor and might sell it.

About the latter End of this King's Reign *Hardewine de Scalers* and *Odel* his Wife, gave this Mannor to the Abbots and Monks of the Monastery of *St. Albans*, that they might pray for their Souls, and King *H. I.* confirmed the Grant hereof.

In *An. 6 Edw. I.* 'twas found upon a *Quo Warranto*, that *John* the Abbot of *St. Alban*, within seventeen Years before that time had withdrawn the Service of this Vill, which was wont to answer before the Justices of that Hundred, and he had there Gallows, View of Franc Pledge, Tumbrell, Pillory and Retorn of Writs, &c. And the Abbots and Monks of that Church have been Lords of this Mannor and enjoyed the Profits hereof until the time of the Dissolution when it came to the Crown.

De Substract.
6 Ed. I. Rot.
46, cur. re-
cept. Scac.

But in short Space this Mannor came to *George Dacres*, Esq. who in *An. 3 & 4 P. & M.* held a Court here, and sold it to

John Foster, who held another Court, *An. 4 & 5 P. & M.* but afterwards he granted it to

Edward Skegg, Esq. who also held a Court, after which conveyed it to

James Smith, Esq. who held a Court for this Mannor, the 20th of May, *An. 13 Eliz.* and died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

James, who was his Heir, and kept a Court here the 3d. of Sept. *An. 37 Eliz.* He sold it to

Sir *Henry Boteler*, who was knighted and married *Katharine* Daughter of *Robert Waller*, of *Badley*, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Edward*, *George*, and *Ralph*, and three Daughters, *Katharine* married to Sir *John Brown* of *Essex*, *Elizabeth* married to Sir *Anthony Chester*, of *Bucks*, Bart. and *Mary* married to *John Lynn*, and upon his Death

John, who was his eldest Son succeeded him, and in 1 *Jac. I.* was knighted, and in the same Year was constituted Sheriff of this County; He married *Elizabeth* the Daugh-

Rot. Pip. 1
Jac. I.

Hand. of
Catesloe.

ter of *George Villers of Brocksby*, in the County of *Leicester*, and eldest Sister to *George Duke of Buckingham*; and by Letters Patents dated 12 April, A. D. 1620, 18 Jac. I. he was created Baronet, and by Letters Patents dated 20 Sept. 4 Car. I. he was advanced to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm by the Title of Lord *Boteler of Branfield*; he had Issue by *Elizabeth* his Wife, six Sons, *John, Henry, Philip, Francis*, another *John*, and *William*, all whom died without Issue, and six Daughters, *Audry* married to Sir *Francis Anderson*, Kt. afterwards to Sir *Francis Leigh* Lord of *Dunsmott*, afterwards Earl of *Chichester*, *Hellen* married to Sir *John Drake* of *Ash* in the County of *Debon*, Kt. *Jane* married to *James Ley* Earl of *Marlborough*, Lord Treasurer of *England*, and after his Decease to *Ashburnham*, one of the Grooms of the Bed-chamber to King *Charles I.* *Olive* married to *Endimion Porter*, another of the Grooms of the Bed-chamber to the same King, *Mary* married to *Edward Lord Howard* of *Esrick*, and *Anne* married to *Mountjoy Blount*, Earl of *Netport*, and Master of the Ordinance, and after him to *Thomas* Earl of *Portland*; and departing this Life at his Lodgings at *St. Martins* in the fields within the Liberties of *Westminster*, the 27th of May 1637, 13 Car. I. was buried at *Higham Gobion* in the County of *Hedford*, leaving *William* his only Son, who did survive him.

Which Lord *William* dying unmarried, this Mannor came to his said six Sisters, *Audry, Hellen, Jane, Olive, Mary*, and *Ann*. *Frances* Lord *Dunsmott* and Earl of *Chichester* having by *Audry* his Wife, the eldest Sister of *William* Lord *Boteler* of *Branfield*, *George* who died without Issue, *Audry, Elizabeth* married to *Thomas* Earl of *Southampton*, and *Mary* to *George Villers* Viscount *Grandison* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*: This *George* Lord *Grandison* purchased the Interest of *Hellen, Jane, Olive, Mary* and *Anne*, Sisters of the said *William* Lord *Boteler*, in this Mannor, and the Interest of *Audry* and *Elizabeth* Countess of *Southampton*, who were Sisters to his own Lady and Coheirs with the sixth Part of *Audry* their Mother, whereby he became sole Possessor of this Mannor, and is the present Lord hereof.

THIS Rectory was a Donative, and the Abbot and Convent of *St. Albans* received the Profit thereof, and were bound to find a Curate to serve the Cure at their Charge: But since the Dissolution of that Church, the Lords of this Mannor have been Patrons.

The RECTORS.

Mr. Bird. Mr. Bolton. Mr. Gouge.

This Church is erected in the Middle of this Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Albans* in the Diocess of *London*, consists only of the Body with a small

Chancel at the East End of it, and at the West End thereof is an erection of Timber covered with Boards, wherein are three small Bells, of which the two greatest are broke; and within this Chancel lies a fair Marble which has this Inscription.

*Hund. of
Caispec.*

Here lieth the truly Religious
Lady Mary
Wife to George Lord Viscount
Grandison,
Who died here the 7th of July
in the year of our Lord
1671.

SHEEPHALL, SCEAPHALE, SHEEPESHAE.

THIS Vill was termed *Sheephall* from the wholesome Food of Sheep, which produc'd Wooll, the great Manufacture of this Kingdom, and was Parcel of the ancient Possessions of that great Monastery of *St. Alban*, yet in the time of *William* the Conqueror, *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, held some Land here under the Abbot, but the Abbot himself held the Mannor as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where it is thus recorded that

*Norden, p. 23.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178.*

In Bradewater Hundred. in Esccephale tenuit Anschitillus de Archiepiscopo duo hid. Terra est quinq; car. in dominio est una, et alia potest fieri, et tres Vill. habentes duo car. et tertia potest fieri, pratum dim. car. Siloa vigint. porc. valet tres lib. quando recepit sexagint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor lib. Hanc terram tenuit Alaric homo Stigandi Archiep. de dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani fuit tempore Regis Edwardi, nec potuit vendere, nec separare ab Ecclesia.

Abbas Sancti Albani tenuit Esccephale tres hidas. Terra est quinq; car. in dominio un. hid. et dimid. et ibi est una. car. et altera potest fieri, ibi octo Vill. habentes tres car. ibi duo cotarii, et un. servus, pratum un. car. pastura ad pecud. silva decem porc. In totum valet quatuor lib. Quando recepit tres lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 134, n. 10.*

Anschitil held two Hides of the Archbishop of *Canterbury* in *Esccephale* in *Bradewater Hundred*. The arable is five Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and another may be made, and three Villains having two Carucates, and a third may be made; Meadow half a Carucate, Wood to feed twenty Hogs; it is worth three Pounds a Year, when he received it sixty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds; *Alaric* a Man (under the Protection) of *Stigan*, the Archbishop, held this Land; it was in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) in the Demeasne of the Church of *St. Alban*; neither might he sell nor separate it from the Church.

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held three Hides in *Esccephale*. The arable is five Carucates, in Demeasne one Hide and an half, and there is one Carucate and another may be made; there are eight Villains having three Carucates, there are two Cottagers and one Servant, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed ten Hogs in Pannage time; in the whole it is worth four Pounds a Year, when he received it three Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds. This Mannor did lie and does lie in the Demeasne of the Church of *St. Alban*.

In the latter End of the Reign of King *William* the Conqueror, *Paul*, Abbot of the Church of *St. Albans*, obtained the Restoration of two Hides of Land in this Vill,

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*
Norden, p. 23.

which *Asketill de Ros*, had held of *Lanfranc* the Archbishop, and since of the Church of *St. Alban*.

In anno 1 *Johan*. that King did confirm the Grant of this Mannor, by the Name of *Scerepale*, to the same, Church but *Mr. Norden* calls it *Sherpespale* in Regard that this Place has been accounted a wholesome Walk for Sheep.

Wimer de Ardes, and *Alice* his Wife gave seventy and six Acres of arable Land with one Marsh in *Scerepale*, and *Robert de Tailbois* and *Ralph* his Son, gave all their Land lying between the Highway which leads from *Stebenage* to *Bertford*, and is divided from *Scerepale*; these Abbots ever since enjoy'd this Mannor until the fatal Year of their Dissolution when it came to the Crown by the Statue of 32 H. VIII.

But shortly after, it was conveyed from the Crown to *George Nodes*, who formerly was Tenant to the same under the Abbot: He held it in the time of King *Edw. VI.* by the yearly Rent of 11. 16s. 1d. was Serjeant of the *Buckbonds* to King H. VIII. King *Edward*, Queen *Mary*, and Queen *Elizabeth*, he married *Margaret* Daughter of *Thomas Grimston*, but dyed without Issue, whereupon this Mannor came to

John, who was his Brother and Heir, also a Servant to King H. VIII. and died seiz'd hereof, leaving Issue

Charles who lived here, and married *Elizabeth* the Daughter of *Thomas Mitchel* of *Codrict* in this County, by whom he had Issue

George, who married *Hellen* the Daughter and Heir of *Edward Doucra* of the *Brother-house* in *Witchin*, by whom he had Issue *Charles*, *George*, *John* married to *Margaret* Daughter of *Thomas Crump*, and *Hellen* married to *William Boteler* of *Wydenham* in the County of *Bedford*; he died the 24th Day of *July*, 1643, and the said *Hellen* died the first of *April*, 1658.

Which *Charles* married *Jane* Daughter of *Simeon Brograve* of *Hamels*, by whom he had Issue *George*, who died in his Infancy, and one Daughter; and after the Decease of *Jane* his Wife, he married *Frances* the Daughter of *William Pert* of *Arnolds* in the County of *Essex*, by whom he had Issue eight Children, whereof *George*, *Edmond*, *Elizabeth*, and *John* survived him, and he died on the 15th of *October*, 1651, leaving Issue *George*, the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Rectory Anno 26 Henry VIII. was valued in the King's Books at 9l. 5s. 8d. per Annum, and the Lord of this Mannor is Patron hereof.

The VICARS..

John Rudd
Thomas Knight
Richard Shoard

Peter Fisher, D. D.
William Milner.

Here lieth the Body of George Nodes, Gentleman, Sergeant of the Buck-hounds to King Henry the 6th, King Edward the 6th, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, which dyed the 14th day of May, anno 1564. and Margaret his Wife died the — day of — anno 1—.

Head of
Caishe.

There is this Inscription on the South Side of the Chancel on a Marble Stone in a Brass Plate.

Here under lies the Body of Margaret Nodes, Wife of George Nodes, late of Shephal-Bury, Sergeant of the Buck-hounds to King Henry, King Edward, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, which Margaret deceased the 6th day of June, 1582.

Here resteth the Body of George Nodes of Shephal in the County of Hertford, Esq; who had to Wife Hellen the eldest Daughter of Edward Docwra of Hitchin in the same County, Esq; and had issue by her six Sons and two Daughters. He departed this life the 24th. of July 1643. *Ætat.* 70.

Here lies the Body of Hellen Nodes Wife of George Nodes of this Parish, Esq; and Daughter of Edw Docwra of Hitchin in the County of Hertford, Esq; She departed this life the 1st. of April 1658. *Ætat.* 78.

This Inscription is in the Middle of the Chancel on a Brass Plate as the other.

Here lies the Body of Charles Nodes of Shephal, Esq; who first married the Daughter of Simeon Brograve of Hamells in the County of Hertford, Esq; who had issue by her one Son that died and one Daughter surviving. Also he married Frances the Daughter of William Pert of Arnolds in the County of Essex, Esq; who had issue by her eight Children, whereof four living, George, Edmond, Elizabeth, John; he departed this life the 15th of Octob. 1651. in the 48th. year of his age.

Here lies the Body of George Nodes, eldest Son of Charles Nodes, late of Shephal, Esq; by Frances his last Wife: He departed this life Apr. 9. 1654. being 14 years of age on the 5th of March 1653.

Here lies the Body of John Nodes, youngest Son of Charles Nodes, Esq; who departed this life the 3d of December 1652. aged about 14 Months.

Edmundi Nodes, Armigeri

Hic conditur Cinis:

Qui Patriæ Caroli Nodes, Armig. (2 tribus quos reliquit) filius unicus; Spes Matris olim, nunc Desiderium (nec plus amatus quam amabilis) efflorescente *Ætate*, supremum obiit diem,

Decimo sexto Kalendas Martii

An. Dom. 1663. Ætat. 19.

Discite Mortales, claves utri et Mortis

Ejusdem esse potestatis Dominus dedit et

Dominus abstulit. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

Here lies the Body of George Nodes of London, Esq. who left issue by his only Wife Susanna, George, John and Charles, and three Daughters, Sarah, Susanna and Jane. He departed this life the 7th of Sept. 1664. *Ætat.* 60.

These Inscriptions are all on Marble Stones on the Floor in the Chancel. This next is in the Body of the Church, and the only one there.

Here lies the Body of
John Nodes, Gent.

Second Son of George Nodes,
of London, Esq;

and Susanna his Wife

Who departed this life the 20th
of May 1668. *Ætat.* 33.

Hund. of
Caishoe.

Hic jacet

Quod mori potuit

Edmundi Field de ~~Marston~~, Armig.

Hominis, si pietatem spectas, severi, si litteras Eruditi, si mores, prudentis et placidi. Melior pars in Cælum rapta Æternæ Felicitatis portum attingit. Uxorem habuit sibi dilectissimam Franciscam, Willielmi Pert de Arnolds in Com. Essexiæ, Armig. Filiam tertiam; Quæ indulgenti Patri peperit amores Pignora Annus, quæ infans moritur; Thomam et Edmundum Patri Superstites, obiit 2. Junii 1676. Ætat. 56.

Vivit post Funera Virtus.

Reliquiæ Thomæ Knight, D. B. Pastoris Fidelis:

Qui octodecimum muneris persolutus annum

Curâ Animarum maximâ, subsidium

Moriens constituit pauperibus annuam:

Quantum si quæris, reſectos conſule;

Pietati ſcilicet locavit, non ambitioni.

Abi tu et ſac ſimile

Talia voluit memoria ergo

Relicta lugens effari marmora.

Here lies interr'd in hope of the Resurrection, the Body of *Richard Sheard*, Vicar of *Shepſhal* and Rector of *Stebenage*; who married *Lettice Daughter of Eustace Needham of Elmtondeley, Esq.* and Widow of *Mr. William Langhorn*. He dy'd the 17th of *Novemb. 1679. Ætat. 41.*

These two are in the Chancel on the Floor, on Marble Stones.

Near this place lies buried the Body of *John Rudd* the faithful Pastor of this Parish 45 years, who died a Bachelor the 13th of *July, 1640. Ætat. 72.*

Son of Thunder, Son of the Dove,
Full of hot Zeal, full of true Love.
In preaching truth, in living right,
A burning Lamp, a shining Light.

This is against the North Side of the Chancel under the Window on a small Marble Monument, upon which is the Effigies of Mr. Rudd (in a Shield) with a short Cloak and a Shepherds Crook in his Hand, and bearing a Sheep on his Neck.

ANTIQUITIES IN HEXTON

Collected by *Francis Taverner, Esq.* and set up by him in a Table in *St. Nicholas's Chapel in Hexton.*

NEAR unto the Roman military Way called *Hexton-street*, which passeth by this Parish upon a very high Hill is to be seen a warlike Fort of great Strength, and ancient Works, which seemeth to have been a Summer standing Camp of the *Romans*: And near it on the Top of another Hill call'd *Wharfting-hill*, a Hillock was raised up, such as the *Romans* were wont to rear for Souldiers slain, wherein many Bones have been found. The *Saxons* call'd this Fort *Rabensburgh*, from a City in *Germany*, whereof the Duke of *Saxony* beareth the Title of Lord at this Day. And this Town, which the *Britains* perhaps call'd *Beck of Reed*, which doth abound much in this Place; the *Saxons* call'd *Beckstanes-tune*, that is the Town of Reed and

Stones, if not rather **Hockstanes-tune**, that is, the Town of Mire and Stones, for old *Englishmen* call deep Mire, Hocks: Or may be from Grates set in Rivers or Waters before Floodgates, which are call'd Hecks; neither is it unlikely but that the *Danes* made some Use of this Fort, for a Parcel of Ground near thereunto is called **Dane-furlong** to this Day. Some of these Conjectures may be true, but this is certain, that *Offa*, a Saxon King, of the *Mertians* about 795, founded the Monastery of **St. Albans**, in Memory of *St. Alban*, and that *Saxi* an honourable and devout *Dane* (as it is in the Chartulary of the Abby) about *Anno Dom.* 1090, gave to the said Monastery the Town of **Hockstanes-tune**, and the Abbot of **St. Albans** held this Mannor in the time of King *William* the Conqueror, for it was then recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Hund. of
Caishoe.*

In Dimidio Hundred de Hh, in Hockstanes-tune tenuit Abbas Sancti Albani octo hidas, et tres virgat. Terra est duodecim car. in Dominio quatuor hidas et ibi quatuor car. et quinta potest fieri, ibi tresdecim Vill. cum tribus Bordis habentibus tres car. et adhuc quatuor possunt fieri, ibi tres cotar. et quatuor servi, et Gosfridus de Bech tenuit ibi dim. hid. sub Abbate, ibi duo molend. de tribus sol. et quatuor denar, pratum duo car. pastura ad pecud. in totis valentiis valet septemdecim lib. et decem sol. quando recepit duodecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi sexdecim lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani. De hac terra tenuit unus Anglicus tres hidas sub Abbate.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135, n. 11.*

The Abbot of **St. Albans** held eight Hides and three Virgates in **Hockstanes-tune** in the half Hundred of **Hh**. The arable is twelve Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there are four Carucates, and a fifth may be made, there are thirteen Villains with three Bordars, having three Carucates, and now four more may be made, there are three Cottagers and four Servants, and *Gosfride de Bech* held there half an Hide under the Abbot, there are two Mills of three Shillings and four Pence Rent by the Year, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle; in the whole Value it is worth seventeen Pounds and ten Shillings, when he received it twelve Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) sixteen Pounds. This Mannor did lye and does lye in the Demeasne of the Church of **St. Albans**. An Englishman held three Hides of this Land under the Abbot.

This Vill at that time did lie in the Half-hundred of **Hh**, and from that time during the Space of 510 Years, the Abbots of **St. Albans** were Lords of the Mannors now call'd **Hoxton**. They were also Patrons of this Church (dedicated to *St. Faith*, which Saint had her Statue erected over a Fountain near this Church Yard, call'd *St. Faith's Well*) for *John de Hertford*, the 23d Abbot, did appropriate this Church of **Hoxtonstone** to the said Monastery. The Cellarers of which Monastery kept the Court Leet and the Court Baron, and received the Rents of the Demeasnes and Customary Tenants of this Mannor; and the Sacrists had the disposing of the Profits of the Rectory. After the Dissolution of the said Monastery, King *H. VIII.* in the 36th Year of his Reign, granted this Mannor to

*Hund. of
Catheter.*

Sir *Richard a Les*, Kt. who dying in the Year 1575, left the same to

Anne, one of his Daughters and Coheirs, the Wife of *Edward Sadlier*, Esq. who Anno Dom. 1579, alienated the same to his Brother

Henry Sadlier, Esq. who sold it in 1593, to

Peter Taverner, Son of *Richard Taverner* of ~~Windsor~~ *Eaton* in the County of ~~Oxford~~ *Oxford*, Esq. who seated himself in ~~Bereton~~ *Bereton* Burystead, and dying the 6th of *April*, 1601, was interr'd in this Chappel peculiar to the said Burystead.

The said Fort, which the common People call ~~Waters-~~ *Waters-* ~~borough~~ *borough* Castle, is cast up in the Form of an Oval, and containeth sixteen Acres, one Rood, and fifteen Poles of Ground, and is naturally strengthened with mighty deep and very steep Combs, which the Inhabitants called *Lyn*.

The Town of ~~Bereton~~ *Bereton* is seated at the Foot of the Mountains, whence issue many Springs of Water; the Mountains are a continued Rock of Stone.

Ralph le Taverer, had Land in North Elmham in Norfolk, about the beginning of King Edw. I. Anno 1272. See the Deed.
 Wain le Taverer, had Land there about the latter end of King Edw. I. Anno 1300. See the Deed.

Sir Nicholas le Taverer.

William le Taverer of Dorwich in Suff. who had a Corroille in the Abby of Ely in Suff. Anno 10 Edw. II.

John Taverer, had Lands in Norf. 26 Edw. III. and in North Elmham, M. R. II. 1303. See a Record and a Deed thereof. Cecillia Gelham, Wife of John Taverer.

Henry Taverer, Counsellor at Law to H. V. and H. VI. he had Land in John Taverer, a Soldier at the Battle of Agincourt, William Taverer, Freeman of London, North Elmham, died 6 Edward IV. and in the War of France. obit 1454.

Nicholas Taverer, lived in the time of King Edw. IV. Margaret, Daughter of Thomas Dethick of Wornsey, also Wronsey Henry Taverer, second Son. Thomas, third Son. and H. VII. and died 1492. in Norfolk.

which James, a younger son of one Dr. W. Winchester 1638, Anno, of F. Shoultham of second Da. of Jn. Wife of Tho who held Land in North Elmham. Shoultham in Nor. Norfolk.

Richard Taverer of Wood- Peter Taverer of Hexton, John Taverer, Eton, Esq. Just. of Peace, 26 mar. Francis, Da. of Tho. M. A. a Divine, Ellis, mar. Elmar, Da. of Tho. Doctors of Puttbridge in died without Issue. Hexton of Greatwich, Esq. Con Hertford, Esq.

served in the Francis of Hexton, John, one of the Mary under the Ld. mar. Joan, Da. of Professor in of Ed in the War Gen. Needham of Gresham Coll. Wings and Denmark, Wynondly Priory and Rector of Esq. and Richard his Brother of in Hertfordshire, Stoke Newing- Yoking in Surrey. ton, obit 1638.

Richard, mar. Martin, Da. of Matthew Bedall, who died for Alderman of London 1636. Somerset.

Francis, Richard, John, Edward, Matthew, Peter, Thomas, John, Henry, Grenado, Jeremy, Robert, 1637. 1638. 1640. 1641. 1644. 1645. 1647. 1648. 1651. 1652.

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also, Wife of Geo. Harcourt, Esq. Recorder of Eton and Judge of the Admiralty, Sir Wm. Calvert, of the French in Lord Calvert in Oxon.

*Hund. of
Catsbor.*

THIS Church Anno 26 Henry VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 7l. 13s. 4d. and the Lord of the Mannor is Patron.

The Church contains three Isles covered with Lead, and a Chancel covered with Tyle; at the West End is a square Tower wherein hang four Bells, and upon the Tower stands a Spire about twenty Foot high covered with Lead.

In this Church are two Monuments.

In the one is this Inscription,

*Beati
Mortui qui
in Domino moriantur.*

Under which are two Coats of Arms; and under them this Inscription.

Here lieth buried the Body of *Peter Taverner* Lord of this Town of *Horton*, who married *Frances* the Daughter of *Thomas Docwra* of *Wutteridge* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq; which two had Issue *Thomas* who died a youth, *Francis*, *John*, and *Margaret* married to *Edward Wingate*, Gent. the said *Peter* died the sixth of *April*, Anno Dom. 1601.

And at the lower End of the Monument is this Inscription.

Frances the Wife of *Peter* was a Grave, Prudent, Provident, above her Sex Learned, and Religious Matron, who after she had lived a Widow 25 years, to the good Example of others, and to the comfort and benefit of her Children, meekly and Christianly rendered her Soul to God 21 June, Anno Dom. 1631. *Etat*. 79. and was here under interred.

In the other Monument is this Inscription, with a Coat of Arms at the Head of it.

Johannes Taverner, Natus in Comitatu Hertford, Familia honesta, parentibus piis et probis, à primâ Infantia literis operam dedit, primo sub privato Magistro, denuo Westmonasterii instituit. Cantabrigia, studuit pro an. 8. ubi item Magisterii gradum suscepit, dein Oxoniæ pro an. 5. posteaq; Johanni King Episcopo London. a Libellis pro An. 9. et unus prelectorum in Collegio Gressham, London. pro an. 28. deniq; sacris Ordinibus susceptis, Vicarius de Tillingham in Com. Essex an. 6. postremo Rector hujus Ecclesie pro an. 9. hic subitus expleto curriculo sepultus
Fœlicem Resurrectionem operat natus 1584. Denatus an. 1638.
Vitam vixit in castibatu.

*Vixi, nec quicquam vel vitæ nomine dignum
Sensi, vel quare vita petenda foret.*

*Hic situs est, quires Divinas calluit, Artes
Omnes, cui lingua et plurima et una fuit:*

*Qui bene Judicio purum Solidavit acumen:
Famam, Ultra pondens, ac sine teste pius:*

*Qui potuit citus quam quærere munus, obire;
Sed quod Civilis, seu toga, Docta tegit.*

*Mens humilis fuit, in sublimi corpore pectus
Sincerus, donans dextera, penna volans.*

*Pulcher erat primo, cum vir virtute venustus
In senè; mors vixit, dormit is, illa fuit.*

NORTON.

THIS Vill was another Parcel of the Revenue of the Monastery of *St. Albans*, which the Abbot possess at the time of the Conquest, for 'tis recorded in *Domesday Book* under the Title of

Terra Ecclesie Sancti Albani.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 134.*

In Bradewater Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani ten. Nortons pro quatuor hidis se defendebat. Terra est decem car. in Dominio duo hidas, et ibi sunt

tres car. Ibi Presbiter et quædam Francigena cum quatuordecem Vill. habentibus septem car. ibi quinq; Cotarii, et unus Servus, et duo Molend. de sexdecim sol. pratum duo car. pastura ad pec. In totis valent. valet et valet sexdecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi septemdecim lib. Hoc Manerium ten. et tenuit Sanctus Albanus in Dominio.

*Hund. of
Catsheo.*

The Abbot of St. Albans held Norton in Bradewater Hundred, it was rated for four Hides, in Demeasne two Hides, and there are three Carucates, there is a Presbiter or Priest, and a certain Frenchwoman born, with fourteen Villains having seven Carucates, there are five Cottagers and one Servant, and two Mills of sixteen Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow two Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle. In the whole Value it is worth and was worth sixteen Pounds by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) seventeen Pounds, St. Alban doth hold, and did hold this Mannor in his Jurisdiction.

At the time of the making this Survey, this Mannor did lie in the Hundred of Bradewater: and King H. I. by his Charter dated at Wallington, 1 Regni sui, confirmed the Grant hereof to that Church by the Name of Norton, which was very proper in Regard that it was situated in the North Part of the County; and Simon the Abbot granted in the Reign of King H. II. this Vill of Norton and Part of the Tith of Cundale to Ralph the Son of Aldrick and his Heir in Fee-farm; reserving three Marks to be yearly paid to the Abbot and Monks; and also that the said Ralph shall provide as well for the Abbot and Monks as the Men of St. Albans, and Tine-men, honourable Entertainment, and what things are necessary for Strangers in their Journey to Northumberland, and in their Return again; afterwards, King John by his Charter dated 1 Regni sui, confirmed the Grant of this Vill to this Church; and John Whethamsted, alias Bostock, a famous Abbot of the said Monastery, in the Reign of King H. VI. gave one Messuage scituated near the Church in this Vill, and appropriated it to the Use of the Church of St. Albans, who enjoyed it till the Dissolution of that Convent.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 178.*

*MS. in Bibl.
Cottoni.*

John Boles of Wallington purchased it from the Crown, held it in the time of Edw. VI. by the yearly Rent of 5*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* and it continued in this Family, which I have treated of in the Parish of Wallington, until it came to Lewis Boles, who sold it 1 Car. I. to

Richard Cleaver, Gent. who had Issue Richard and Catharine, who married Thomas Cole of Radwell, Gent. upon his Decease, Richard the Father surviving his Son, it came to

Philadelphia the Wife of John Sayer of the Inner Temple, Esq. and Ann married to Courteen, Daughters and Co-heirs of Richard Cleaver the Son deceased, who sold it to William Pym, Esq. the present Lord hereof.

THE Vicaridge was rated Anno 26 Hen. VIII. in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is now situated in the Deanery of St. Alban in the Diocess of London, and William Haslefoot is Patron hereof.

The VICARS.

————— Saunders.

Samuel Sparrowhaute.

*Hund. of
Catsbor.*

This Church consists only of the Body which is covered with Lead, the Chancel with Tyle, and there are three Bells in the square Tower, and these Inscriptions in the Chancel and Church.

Here lieth interred *Benjamin Haselden*, Gent. He was born at *Mabbell* in the County of *Hertford*, the 19th of *April* 1651. and died the 25th of the same Month, being six days old.

Here lieth *Anne Bury* Daughter of *Haselden Bury*, Gent. of the Age of two years, who died the 2d. of *May* 1697.

In the Church.

Guy Son of *William Pym*, Esq; and *Elizabeth* his Wife, was born the 17th of *February* 1685. And died the 30. of *April* following.

CHARITY.

Ralph Skinner of *Bittin*, Gent. gave *sl.* to the Poor of this Parish.

NEWHAM, NEWNHAM.

THIS Vill was also Part of the Possessions that belonged at the Monastery of *St. Albans*, which the Abbots enjoyed to the time of the Conquest, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where it is found under the Title of *Terra Ecclesie Sancti Albani*.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 135.*

In Domesi Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani ten. Newham pro tribus hidis se defendebat. Terra est octo car. in Dominio un. hida et tres virgal. et ibi sunt duo car. ibi decem Vill. cum octo Bord. habentibus quatuor car. et adhuc duo feri possunt, ibi tres Cotarii pratum un. car. pastura ad pec. in totis valentis valet et valet novem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi decem lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani.

The Abbot of *St. Albans* held *Newham* in the Hundred of *Oversey*. It was rated for three Hides and three Virgates. The arable is eight Carucates, in Demeasne one Hide and three Virgates, and there two Carucates, there are ten Villains with eight Bordars having four Carucates, and now two more may be made, there are three Cottagers, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth nine Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) ten Pounds. This Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Jurisdiction of the Church of *St. Albans*.

When this Record was made, this Vill did lie in the Hundred of *Oversey*, but when King *Edw.* IV. granted that the Abbot and Convent should have the Jurisdiction and Government of all their Lands, and that they should be laid within their Liberty, this Vill I suppose was made Parcel of the Hundred of *Catsbo*.

King *H.* I confirmed the Grant hereof to this Church about 1 *Regni sui* by the Name of *Newham*, which signifies a new Place of Shelter, or more properly, Habitation; King *John* confirmed all the Grants hereof by his Charter dated 1 *Regni sui* to the same Church, and the Abbots received the Profits hereof until the time of their Dissolution, then King *H.* VIII. by Charter dated the 12th of *May*, granted this Mannor of *Newham* with the Scite of the Priory of the *Bretz*, *Sandridge*, *Caldecot*, *Madwell*, *Westwick*, *Gorham*, and *Apsa* to

*Capella Rot
in Chanc.*

Ralph Rowlet the elder, Esq. and his Heirs: He was Sheriff of this County Anno 1542, 33 *H.* VIII. and died

leaving Issue *Ralph* and two Daughters; after his Decease it descended to

Ralph Rowlet, who was knighted and died seiz'd hereof without Issue, leaving two Sisters his Heirs, who I suppose might sell it to

Richard Hale, Grocer and Citizen of London in the time of Queen *Elizabeth*, who afterwards disposed of it to

Richard Hale his younger Son, who enjoyed, and afterwards gave it to

Robert Hale his younger Son, who held it some time, then sold it about the Year 1678, to

Sir *William Dyer* of *Tottenham* in the County of *Middlesex*, who was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the sixth Day of *July A.D. 1678*, 30 Car. II. and he died on the 27th of *Jan. 1680*, when he gave it to

William Dyer his second Son, who married *Mary Howard*, and after her Decease *Anne* Sister to Sir *Hele Hook* Bar. He has lately built a very fair House upon the same, was constituted Sheriff for this County An. 1694, 6 Will. III. and is the present Lord hereof.

THE Rectory was appropriated to the Use of the Monastery of *St. Alban*, and the Vicaridge was rated Anno 26 Hen. VIII. in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 5l. and *William Dyer* is the present Patron hereof.

This Church is situated about the Middle of this Vill, in the Hundred of *Catshoe*, in the Deanery of *St. Alban*, in the Diocess of *London*; the Body of the Church and Chancel are covered with Lead, and a square Tower adjoyns the West End of the Church, in which are three Bells, and these Inscriptions engraved upon Marbles there.

Here lieth *Joan Dowman* the Wife of *James Dowman* who was the Daughter and Heir of *Henry Gowshull*, Esq; Son and Heir of *Robert Gowshull* of *Bedford* in *Hampden* in the County of *York*, Esq; which *Joan* died the 10th of *Nov. 1607*. in the 61 year of her Age, leaving seven Children living, viz. One Son and six Daughters

Edward, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jane, Anne, Constance, Mary, Susan and *Susan*.

Here lieth the Body of Sir *William Dyer*, Bar. who departed this life the 27th of *January 1680*. he married the Granddaughter and sole Heiress to Sir *John Swinnerton* once Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, had issue by her four Sons and three Daughters, whereof four is now living, viz. two Sons and two Daughters; he was a true Christian, an upright Liver, a faithful Husband, a tender Father, and Lord of this Mannor of *Nelsonham*.

Here under lies now buried in the Dust

The Man whose life was sober, pure, and just,

His Coat of Arms, Or, a chief indented Gules.

There is another Stone, the Inscription whereof was taken away in the late time of Rebellion.

Having now concluded this Hundred of *Catshoe*, I shall proceed to the Hundred of *Bacorum*, which is the fifth and last Division of this County.

Hund. of
Catshoe.

THE FIFTH DIVISION OF THIS COUNTY.

CONTAINING

THE HUNDRED

OF

D A C O R U M.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

*Dugd. Orig. Jurid. fol. 25.
Brady's Hist. of Engl. fol. 144, 145.
Old Nat. Bro. fol. 2.
Glan. lib. 12, cap. 6, 7, 8.
Glan. lib. 9, cap. 8, 9, 10.
Pract. lib. 3, Tract. 2, cap. 32, fol. 150, and cap. 28, fol. 147.
Spelm. Glom. tit. Serviens, fol. 513.
Dugd. Orig. Jurid. fol. 27, 28, 31, 93, 94.
Brady's Hist. of Engl. fol. 146.*

IN the time of *William* the Conqueror, it was sever'd by the Names of *Danats* and *Ortung* Hundreds, but about the Reign of *Edw. III.* they were consolidated into one Hundred, now called *Bacorum* from the *Danes* that were in old times Inhabitants here. It was Parcel of the Kings Revenue, and the Sheriffs were wont to hold Courts for every Hundred, for the registering of Mortgages and Sales of Land, inroling of Deeds, Tryals of Titles of Land, levying of Fines within the Jurisdiction of the Hundred before the Steward, who was styled *Serviens Regis ad Legem*, the Kings Serjeant at Law, because the County and Hundred Courts, were the King's Courts, and he was the King's Officer, and to distinguish him from those Serjeants who were Stewards to the Lords of Mannors in their Court Barons: hence I conceive this Distinction among the Serjeants was originally derived, and no Persons in those Days were held qualified to exercise the Office of Steward in any of these Courts, unless he had taken the Degree of Serjeant, because Fines were levied, and Titles of Land heard and determined here, which none but a leärned Man in the Law was capable to perform, but when the Profits of these Courts were farmed out to inferior Persons, and Mannors were broke into Pieces, or divided into Parcels, either by Coparcenary or Sale, and by such Means derived unto Men under the Degree of Barons, it seems they constituted Stewards who were not skilled in the Law to hold these Offices, insomuch that the People complained of this Grie-

vance in the time of King *John*, who thereupon granted by his Charter dated 17 *Regni sui* that the Common-pleas should not follow the Court, but should be held in some certain Place, to the End all People might have free Liberty to resort thither for Justice, for before that time no Person, under the Rank of Barons, unless allowed by the King's Patent, could sue or bring any Action before the King, or his Chief Justice of England, or his Justices in his Palace, but were bound to bring all their Actions in their Lord's Court, or the Hundred or County Court, and after this Liberty and Privilege was confirmed to the People, by the Statute of *Magna Charter* granted 9 H. III. the Court of Common Pleas was established in *Westminster-Hall*, and all these Serjeants at Law who have been Stewards as well of Court Barons as of the Hundred, and County Courts, where they had usually taken Fines, were bound by Oath always to attend at the Court of Common-Pleas, and have always since taken Fines upon any *Dedimus potestatem* after such Manner as the Justices of the Bench may do, and the Election of the Justices and Judges of the Courts in *Westminster-Hall*, have been always restrained to these Serjeants; but to proceed, the Sheriffs for this County have from time to time, accounted in the *Exchequer* for the Profits hereof with the Rest of the County, and the Justices of the Peace, and the Commissioners for the King's Taxes do generally appoint their Privy Sessions, and keep their Publick Meetings at *Hemel Hempsted*, to manage the Business of this Hundred: it is bounded on the North and East Part with the Hundred of *Catsho*, and *Bradewater*, on the South with *Middlesex*, and on the West with *Buckinghamshire*, and contains several Parishes and Hamlets which are divided between three Chief Constables; the first has in his Division the Parishes and Hamlets of *Whethamsted*, *Harpedon*, *North Myms*, *Shenly*, *Theobaldstreet*, *Lebesden*, and *Bushy*, which lie dispersedly from the Rest. Another Chief Constable has the Parishes and Hamlets of *King's Langley*, *Hemel Hempsted*, *Bobington*, *Flaunden*, *Little Gadesden*, *Frisden*, *Great Gadesden*, *Studdham*, *Kensworth*, *Cadington*, and *Flamsted*; and the other Chief Constable has in his Division the Parishes and Hamlets of *Berkhamsted*, *North Church*, *Aldebury*, *Tring*, *Wigington*, *Long Marston*, *Walsterne*, *Puttenham*, and *Coleshill*, after which Order I shall proceed.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

Matt. Paris,
fol. 255, n. 50.
MSS. in Bibl.
Coll. Corp.
Christi Cant.

Stat. Magna
Charta, cap.
11, 9 H. III.

Coke, 2 Inst.
fol. 214, 512.
Vol. N. B. fol.
103.
Bro. tit. Fines
120.

WHETHAMSTED,

SO called from the great Plenty of excellent Wheat which that Place afforded; the chief Mannor was Parcel of the

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*
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Possessions of King *Edward* the Confessor, which he employed towards the Provision of his Table, until such time that he gave it to the Abbot and Convent of *Westminster*, who held it in the time of *William* the Conqueror, when it was recorded in that memorable Survey of *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Abbatis Westminster*.

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 135, n. 9.

In *Banais Hundred*. Abbas de *Westminster*, St. Petri tenet *Westminster* pro decem hidas se defendebat. Terra est decem car. in Dominio quing; hidas, et ibi sunt tres car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri. Ibi Presbiter cum quindecim Vill. habentibus quing; car. Ibi duodecim Bord. et novem Cotarii, et quatuor molin. de quadragint. sol. pratum quatuor car. pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. in totis valent. valet et valet sexdecim lib. tempore Regis Edwardi trigint. lib. Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dominio Ecclesie St. Petri.

The Abbot of St. Peter of *Westminster* held *Westminster* in *Banais Hundred*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is ten Carucates, in Demeasne five Hides, and there are three Carucates, and now two others may be made, there is a Presbiter or Priest with fifteen Villains having five Carucates, there are twelve Bordars, and nine Cottagers, and four Mills of forty Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow four Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth sixteen Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) thirty Pounds by the Year. This Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Demeasne of the Church of St. Peter.

*Quo War. 6*  
*Ed. I. Rot. 35,*  
*cur. recept.*  
*in Scac.*

The Jury found *An. 6 Edw. I.* that *Westminster* was ancient Demesne of the King, which the Abbot and Convent of *Westminster* held of the Gift of St. *Edward* the Confessor, and was worth 50*l.* by the Year, and that Master *John* of *Leicester* the Parson, claimed as belonging to his Church of *Westminster*, View of Franc-pledge, and free Court to hold from three Weeks to three Weeks, and Assize of Bread and Ale, with divers other Liberties, from that time the Dean and Chapter of the same Church held this Mannor, are the present Lords hereof, and have now Jurisdiction of Court Leet and Baron.

#### *The Mannor of LAMERE.*

IS scituated upon a dry Hill in the same Parish, and was so denominated from *Pontius Lamere*, who was Lord hereof in the Reign of *H. III* to whom that King granted the Wardship of the Lands of *William de Say* in *Sabridge-morth*, during his Minority. But in Process of time it came to the Possession of Sir *William Roch*, Alderman of *London*, Son to *John Roch* of *Witley* in *Yorkshire*; He was Lord Mayor of the same City, and committed to the *Fleet*, *An. 1545*, 36 *H. VIII.* for speaking Words against the Benevolence, which displeased the King's Council, where he remained until Passion Sunday following; in the time of his Mayoralty, the English Bible was used in every Parish Church, and he died seized hereof, leaving only Issue one Daughter

*Stow's Annals*  
fol. 388.

*Grizill*, who was his Heir, and married Sir *John Boteler* of *Woodhall* in this County, Kt. they levied a Fine of this Mannor in *Michaelmas* Term, Anno 3 *Edw.* VI. by the Name of Lands in the Parish of *Bethamsted*, otherwise called the *Hot-ground*, to the Use of the said Sir *John Boteler* and *Grizill* his Wife, and his Heirs, from whom it descended to

*Philip Boteler* his Son and Heir, who sold it as I guess to Sir *William Garret* or *Garrard*, Son of *William Garrard* of *Sittingburne* in the County of *Hert.* Esq. He was an Haberdasher, and Lord Mayor of *London* in the third Year of *Philip* and *Mary*; He had Issue Sir *William*, *George*, and *John*, who was his third Son, Sheriff of *London* Anno 1592, and Lord Mayor there An. 1601. He died the 7th of *May*, 1625, and was buried in *St. Magnus* Church in *London*, leaving Issue

*John Garrat*, who was his Son and Heir, created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 16th of *Feb.* An. 1621, 19 *Jac.* I. he married *Elizabeth* one of the Daughters of Sir *Edward Barkham*, Kt. who was Lord Mayor of *London* the same Year, and was Sheriff of this County, Annis 19, 20 *primo medio Anni* 21 *Car.* I. and he died leaving Issue

*John*, who succeeded his Father in his Honours and Estate, and married *Jane* the youngest Daughter and Coheir of Sir *James Eayon*, Bart. the Widow of Sir *George Boswell*, Bart. by whom he had only Issue *Jane*, who is his Daughter and Heir, married to Sir ——— *Drake*, and this Sir *John* is the present Lord hereof.

THE Rectory is a Messuagly derived out of the Mannor of *Bethamsted*, and is situated in the Deanery of *Berkhamsted* in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, and this Rectory with the Chappel of *Harpington*, Anno 26 *Hen.* VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 42*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* and the King is Patron hereof.

#### THE RECTORS.

*Henry Killegrew*, D. D.      *John Lamb*, D. D. Dean of *Elg.*

This Church is situated on the West Side of the Vill, erected after the Manner of a Cathedral, having a Cross and a Tower in the Middle thereof, with a Spire and a Balcony round the Middle of the Spire, all covered with Lead, in which are five Bells, and in the Chancel and Church are these Inscriptions.

*A Marble under the Altar is thus engraved.*

Here *William Bristowe* Gentleman,  
And *Agnis* late his Wife,  
Do rest themselves till Judgment Day:  
He passed from this Life  
*Aprilis* Seventeenth one Thousand and  
Five Hundred ninety nine;  
And in *September* ninety God  
Cut off her vital Line.  
Three Daughters they, Coheirs did leave  
*Luce, Martha, Margaret*,  
Who in regard of Parents Love,  
This Monument hath set.

*Hand. of*  
*Bacorum.*

*Fin. levat.*  
*Mich. 3 Ed.*  
*VI. Rot. 62,*  
*cur. recept.*  
*in Scac.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

Domini Willielmi Grettawelle, quondam Rectoris istius Ecclesie de Whethamstede, ac Canonici in Ecclesia Cathedralis Lincoln. Qui obiit 4. Idus Febr. Anno Dom. Millesimo CCCC primo.

*Uxori Charissima.*

Domina Janæ Leventhorpe,  
Filia Domini Richardi Mickell nuper hujus Parochie  
Quæ secundo fatus pregnant, febre correpta.  
Immatura prolem, cum anima maturâ, reddidit,  
June 28. A. D. 1661 Etat. 27.  
Ob.

*Pietatem, in Deum singularem;  
Mores erga omnes suavissimos;  
Amorem in virum supra muliebrem.  
Hoc voluit extare miremosynon  
Staffordus Leventhorpe,  
Pastor Ecclesie de Wytham.*

*Heic unicum reliquit Pignus charissimum  
Thomam Leventhorpe,  
Patris solatium amicorum Delectamentum,  
Qui quarta post mense  
Huc Matrem (proh Dolor) sequutus est.  
Etatis suæ mensæ duodecimo.*

Here lyeth the Body of John Hunsdon, Gent  
Aged Seventy one Years.  
Obiit Aprilis 26.  
An. Dom. 1676.

Here resteth the Body of *Alice*, late Wife of *Jonas Baily* of *Mackay* in this Parish, Gent. the sole Daughter of *William Hodson* of *Bourton* in the County of *Bucks*. Gent. who deceased the 26th of Feb. Anno Dom. 1642. in the 27th Year of her Age, and had issue two Sons and one Daughter; whereof the youngest, a Son deceased, lyeth buried by her.

In Memory of whose Piety towards God, Charity to her Neighbours, Loving Deportment to her Husband, Motherly Affection to her Children, the said *James Baily* hath caused this Stone to be laid.

Directly underneath this Place lyeth buried *John Heyworth* of *Mackay*, Esq. and *Joan* his Wife. They had three Children buried in their Infancy, wherefore they both did adopt *Margaret Hoo* their sole Heir: Her first Husband was *Jerram Reynold*, by whom he had no Issue: Her second Husband was *Nicholas Brocket*, Esq. who lieth buried next to Mr. Heyworth, they had Issue *John*, who at the Commandment of the said *Margaret*, erected this Monument; the said *John Heyworth* deceased 26th Day of Decemb. Anno Dom. 1558.

Here lieth interred the Body of *Mary Brocket* Wife of *John Brocket* of *Whethamsted* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq. and Daughter of *George Banister* of *Straydon* in the County of *Bedford*, Gent. and had Issue by him six Sons and two Daughters, viz. *George, Thomas, Mary, John, William, Elizabeth, Banister*, and *Henry*. She departed this Life the — day of — Anno Dom. 1669, Aged 73. Years.

Here lieth *Edward Brocket*, second Son to Sir *John Brocket*, and Dame *Mary* his Wife; the said *Edward Brocket*, married Dame *Ethel* — *Chall* —, Widow, one of the Daughters of *Frad. Sham* of *Elton* in *Cheshire*, by whom he had a Son and two Daughters, who were living at the time of his Death, which was in Anno 1699, the 3d of September.

Here lieth the Body of *Edward Brocket*, Gent. eldest Son of *John Brocket*, late of *Whethamsted* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq. and late Husband of *Mary* the Daughter of *Henry Tooke*, late of *Bishops Hatfield*, in the County of *Hertford*, Gent. and had Issue by her one Son and four Daughters *John, Mary, Elizabeth, Frances*, and *Anne*: He departed this Life the ninth day of January, Anno Dom. 1669. Aged 64 Years.

*Hud. of  
Bacorum.*



*Hic juxta*  
Thomas Stubbing  
Civis et Mercator Londinensis  
in Ordinem Senatorium ascitus  
F. Marci  
(hujus Ecclesie per Lustra Rectoris)  
ex Elizabetha, F. George Rotheram  
De Farley in Com. Bed. Armig.  
Anno feliciissimi redditus Carolina III  
propter Parentes requiescit  
post ibi  
lapis 15 Annis  
Illum excipit Anna maestissima Conjux  
Liberis 5 Supertitibus.

M. S.  
*Hic situs est*  
P. Nathan Vereard apud Cantabrigiæ A. M.  
Vir Pius, Prudens, Probus, et Doctus,  
Nexus nemini, singulis Benevolus,  
In Vita Religiosus ad exemplum,  
In tædio morbi, ac morte patiens ad miraculum,  
Ille magno suorum et omnium morori,  
Anno } Christi MDCLXXXV.  
      } Ætatis sue xxxvii  
Improles (proh Dolor) et vivis excessit,  
Et hic Servatoris sui expectat adventum,  
Abi, Lector, Ora,  
Et  
Imitare

*This is engraved on a Monument in the Wall.*

Here lieth the Body of  
The Vertuous Lady, Dame Elizabeth Garrard, late Wife of Sir John Garrard, Kt. and Baronet, one of the Deputy Lientenants of this County, Son of Sir John Garrard, and Grandchild of Sir William Garrard, Knights, both of them sometime Lord Mayors of the City of London, whose Ancestors lie buried in the Parish Church of Sittingburn in Kent, but themselves in the Parish Church of St. Magnus in London: she was the eldest Daughter of Sir Edward Barikham, Knight, sometime Lord Mayor of the City of London, married in the year of our Lord 1611. called by God out of this Life the 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1632. being then in the 39th year of her Age, Mother of 14 Children, six Sons and eight Daughters (whereof two, a Son and a Daughter, went before her to Heaven, the rest she left behind her upon Earth; first commending by devout Prayers unto God, and then delivering them over with hearty desires to her beloved Husband, to be farther instructed in the fear of God;) towards God a most Faithful Child, towards her Husband a Loyal Sponse, towards her Children a most loving Mother, towards the Poor a most Charitable Neighbour; in Health praising God, in Sickness bearing patiently, she lived most Godly, and died most Comfortably, bequeathing her Body unto Earth in assured hope of blessed Resurrection, and her Soul unto God in confidence of her Salvation.

Here resteth the virtuous Body of Isabella Garrard, youngest Daughter of Sir John Garrard, Kt. and Baronet, and by his Wife the Lady Jane Garrard, who left this Life for a better in the ——— of her Age, 10th Day of August, Anno Dom. 1677.

*Virtus sepulcri ignara est.*

Underneath lies the Effigies of the said Knight and his Lady.

## HARPEDON

IS scituated about three Miles distant from ~~Bath~~ Bathamsted, upon an Hill towards the South, from whence it de-

*Hand. of  
Decorum.*

Cart. 20 Ed. I.  
*Bar. of Engl.*  
vol. 2. fol. 233.

rives its Name; 'tis a Hamlet belonging to that Parish, and I suppose was waste Ground in the time of *William* the Conqueror, for there is no Mention made of it in *Domesdei Book*; but when the Lands were improved, the *Hoo's*, an ancient Family in this County, possess them, for *Robert Hoo* was Lord hereof Anno 1292, 20 *Edw. I.* when he obtained the King's Charter for Free-warren within this Lordship: He was elected Knight of the Shire in the Parliament held Anno 26 *Edw. I.* and died the 9th of *May*, 1310.

Sir *Thomas Hoo* held it Anno 11 *Edw. III.* obtained a Grant for Free-warren in all his Lordships of *Hoo*, *Stopesley*, and *Wethamsted* in this County.

T. Walsingh.  
anno 1387, p.  
383.

Sir *William Hoo*, Kt. was his Son and Heir, succeeded him, and upon the Flight of *Michael de la Poole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, Anno 1387, 19 *Rich. II.* helpt him away to *Calais*, that he might avoid the Danger that attended him at that time, and served in that Garrison under *John* Earl of *Somerset*, Anno 1407, 8 *H. IV.* then Captain there: He married *Alice* the Daughter and Heir to Sir *Thomas St. Maur* by *Jane* his Wife, Daughter and Heir to *Nicholas Malmains*, by whom he had Issue

Rot. Franc.  
8 H. IV.

Holl. fol. 612.

*Thomas*, who was sent to suppress the *Normans* upon a new Rebellion made about *Caux*, Anno 1436, 14 *H. VI.* where he slew many of them, and made great Waste in the Country: The King employed him again in the Wars of *France*, Anno 1446, 24 *H. VI.* where he merited so well that the King by Letters Patents dated the 2d of *June*, 1448, 26 *H. VI.* advanced him to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm by the Title of Lord *Hoo* and *Hastings*, to hold to the Heirs Males of his Body; and he was elected into the honourable Society of Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; he was summon'd to Parliament from the 27th to 31st of *H. VI.* inclusive, and he married three Wives, first *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir to Sir *Thomas Felton*, Kt. by whom he had Issue one Son called *Thomas*, who died in his Life-time without Issue; and after her Decease, he married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir to Sir *Nicholas Wichingham*, by whom he had Issue only one Daughter named *Anne*, married to Sir *Geoffery Bullen*, Kt. sometime Lord Mayor of *London*; and after the Decease of *Elizabeth*, he married *Eleanor* Daughter to *Leo* Lord *Wells*, Sister and Coheir to *Richard* Lord *Wells* her Brother, by whom he had Issue, three Daughters who became his Coheirs; *Eleanor* married to Sir *James Carew* of *Widdington*, in the County of *Surry*, Kt. *Jane* to Sir *Roger Copely*, Kt. and *Elizabeth* to Sir *John Devenish*, Knight, shortly after this Mannor was sold to

Rot. Franc.  
24 H. VI.

Pat. 26 H. VI.  
*Bar. of Engl.*  
vol. 2, fol. 234

Clans. de liad.  
ann. indormo.

*Bar. of Engl.*  
vol. 2, fol. 234

*Matthew Cressy*, who held it in the Reign of King *Edw. IV.* and married *Joan* the Daughter of *Edmond Perient* of

**Digswell** in this County, Esq. and **Ann** his Wife, Daughter of **Thomas Vernon**, Esq. it was at that time called **Barthamsted**, and continued in that Name and Family, for many Descents, until it came to **William Cressy**, who died seiz'd hereof on the 24th Day of *October*, 1558, 1 *Eliz.* from whom it came to

**Edmond Cressy**, who left only Issue

**Elizabeth**, who was his Daughter and Heir; his Arms were *Argent, a Lyon rampant queue four che azur*; she married **Edmond Bardolfe**, by whom she had Issue

**Edmond**, who married **Elizabeth** Daughter to **Robert Dartnold** of **Benshunt**, in **Hert**: by whom he had

**Richard Bardolfe** who was his Son and Heir, and succeeded him; from whom descended

**Richard Bardolfe**, who gave *Azure, a Cheveron between three cinquefoils Or*; Crest out of a Ducal Coronet, a Dragon's Head issuant Or. He sold it to

**Sir John Witherong**, who was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 2d of *May*, 1662, Anno 14 *Car. II.* and he gave it to

**James Witherong** his second Son, who is an Utterbarister of **Lincoln's Inn**, Recorder of the Burrough of **St. Albans**, and the present Lord hereof.

But since this Gentleman is an Utter Barister, it may not be unfit to make some Remarks upon the Antiquity of that Degree: When the Court of *Common Pleas* was fixed in a certain Place by the Statute of *Magna Charta*, doubtless the Students of the Law, and the Officers of the Court settled themselves in some Places near it, most proper for their Studies, and convenient for their Practice, their Conference, and their Business; and for their more regular Government, **King Edward I.** Anno 20 *Regni sui*, commanded **John de Mettingham**, then Lord Chief Justice of the Court of *Common Pleas*, and the other Justices there, that they should provide and ordain at their Discretion, a certain Number of Attornies and Apprentices at Law, of the better, lawful, and most learned Men in every County, who might best serve, and be most profitable to his Court and People, and that only those and no other should follow his Court, and sollicite Business there; and it seemed meet to the King and his Counsel, that sevenscore were a sufficient Number for that Employment; notwithstanding the Justices were allowed to appoint a greater or lesser Number, and ordered to dispose of the Residue of them according to their Discretion. Tho' there is no Memorial left of the direct time and Place where these Attornies and Lawyers then resided; yet in all Probability they were settled in Hostels or Inns near the Court, where they might with the greater Conveniency attend the Courts of Justice, serve their Country, and learn to dance,

Head of  
Bacorum.

Mag. Charta,  
9 H. III. cap.  
11.

Pl. in Parl.  
20 Ed. I. Rot.  
5, indorso.  
Seld. Notes  
on Fortescue  
Laudibus Le-  
gum Angl. cap.  
5, co. 9, Rep.  
in Proemio.  
Origin. Jurid.  
fol. 141.



Head. of  
Barorum.

Inter Com.  
Plac. in Hist.  
ings, Lond.  
die Lutus  
in Pesto 5.  
Clem. Paper,  
23 Ed. III.  
Origin. Jurid.  
fol. 371.  
Seld. Notes  
upon Fortes-  
cui, cap. 8.

sing, and play upon Instruments on their Days of Vacancy, study Divinity on the Lord's Day, and practice such Exercises as were most modish in the King's Court on Festival Days; from whence they derived the Name of Inns of Court: Some judicious Men believe that divers of them were settled at a House in *Fleet-street*, now called *Clifford's Inn*, from the Lord *Clifford*, who demised it in the time of *Edw.* III. *Apprenticiis de Banco* to the Lawyers; and that others resided at *Thavies Inn* in *Bolburn*, for *John Tavy* the Owner of that House, had this Expression in his Will, made in the Reign of *Edw.* III. *Totum illud Hospicium in quo Apprenticii ad Legem habitare solebant*: All that Inn in which the Apprentices at Law were wont to dwell: They were called Apprentices from the French Word *Apprendre*, to learn, for every one was learning here to fit and qualify himself for the Station he designed; but the Number of these Lawyers encreasing, and the House probably growing too streight for their Company, they removed hence (as we have it by Tradition) to the *New Temple* scituated over against the South End of *New-street*, now called *Chancery-lane*, containing all that Space of Ground extending from the *White Fryars* on the East, to *Essex-house* in the West; including Part of that House without *Temple Bar*, which they held in the time of King *Edw.* III. upon a Demise from the Knights Hospitaliers, under the yearly Rent of 10*l.* where they were at that time formed into a Society, chose all necessary Officers, and were distinguished after the Method of the Universities by these Degrees.

1. Students attired in Gowns, like those which the Undergraduates wear in *Cambridge*; and when they had spent four Years in the Study of the Law, they were termed Mootesmen for Distinction from the Puisny Students, so denominated from their Mootes and Exercises, which they performed there; but certainly this was no more a Degree than that of Sophisters in the University; and when they had studied seven or eight Years, performed all Duties and Exercises, and fitted themselves for Business, they were preferred to the Bar in the Parliament, Council, or Pension held for their Society, and called

2. Utter Baristers, for that the Readers and Masters of the Bench in their Society had qualified them to argue Cases, and manage Causes for their Clyents without the Bar, and adorn'd them with a noble Robe, faced down before, guarded with two Welts of Velvet on the Sleeves, extending from the Shoulder to the Elbow, and another on the Bordar of it, like the Gards which the *Romans* used to distinguish the different Degrees of Men among them; these Robes were great Ornaments, which the Reverend Judges

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*



maintained in the Height of the late Rebellion, to the Glory of the Profession, when others laid aside their proper Habit, through Fear of the Souldiery, or to please the Faction of that Age; but 'tis great Pity, and it seems very ominous, that these learned Men should now decline this noble Robe, and wear a scandalous Livery, which resemble those that Bearers usually wear at Funerals, as though the Law lay a dying: However, 'tis greatly hoped, that that worthy Patron of the Law, Sir *John Holt*, the present Lord Chief Justice, will thoroughly reform this ill Practice, and that none of the reverend Sages of the Law will suffer those Gentlemen to share in the Profit and Advantage of that Profession which they scandalize by divesting it of that ancient Robe, and introducing an ignominious Habit in the Room of it. When these Lawyers had practised at the Bar by the Space of twelve Years or more, they were advanced to the Degree of

3 Readers, who were wont to read upon some peculiar Statute in the open Hall within their Society three Days in every Week, for the Space of three Weeks together, entertaining the Gentlemen and their Friends with Exceedings all the other Days, till these Readings were shortened to a Week, in Regard of their extraordinary Expense, which discouraged many learned Men from this Exercise: and they were distinguish'd from the Utterbaristers by a black Cloth Gown, garded with a broad Welt of Velvet cross their Backs: These Readers and Utterbaristers were the Pleaders mentioned in the Statutes of ~~Westminster~~ the first, and *Edw. III.* and out of the Number of the Readers the King usually selected by Writ,

4 Serjeants at Law, of whom I have treated before in the Vill of ~~Risten~~, to which I refer the Reader.

These Societies were excellent Seminaries and Nurseries for the Education of Youth, some for the Bar, others for the Seats of Judicature, others for Government, and others for the Affairs of State; but *Walsingham* tells us that the Rebels did do much Mischief to these Lawyers in 4 *R. II.* where he saith, *Locum qui vocatur Temple Barre in quo Apprenticii Juris morabantur Nobiliores irruerant:* and Mr. *Stow* confirms it, saying, the Rebels of ~~Essex~~ and ~~Hent~~, *An. 1381*, destroyed the House and Lodgings in the Temple, took the Books and Records of the Apprentices at Law out of their Hutches in their Church, and burnt them in the Streets: but notwithstanding this great Damage done to their Society, they increased much in the time of *H. VI.* when 'tis reported, that a great Dissension and Quarrel happening then among them, touching the Houses of ~~Dork~~ and ~~Lancaster~~, and increasing to a great height, they parted with much Wrath and divided into two Societies:

*Stow's Survey  
of London,  
fol. 440.*

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

whereof one Party built a new Hall in the back Yard, where the Stables and Hosteries of the Knight's Templers stood, erected Chambers near it, assuming the *Pegasus* for their Arms, termed it the *Inner Temple* in Respect it was seated between the *Old Temple* and *London*, and appropriated the South Side of the Church for their Part, whilst the other kept Possession of the Hall of their old Society, scituated between *Pump* and *Elm Court*, after the Form of the Round Walk in the *Temple Church*, and pull'd down in the Year 1639; claim'd the *Holy Lamb*, the Arms of the old House to themselves, as their ancient Right, and reserved the North Side of the Church for their peculiar Use, which in those Days was held the upper Side, for that the Gospel was always read at the North End of the Altar; and these Members dividing according to their Affections for the several Houses of *York* and *Lancaster*, is the Reason why the Chambers of these Societies, are at this Day intermixt with each other House. In short time after this Division, Sir *John Fortescue*, then Lord Chief Justice of the *King's Bench*, a Member of *Lincoln's Inn*, saith, there were then four Houses of Court, which are now, each containing two hundred Persons; and ten Inns of Chancery, every one consisting of an hundred Men; which he called the Lawyers' University, whereof the four Houses of Court were appropriated wholly for the Use of the Sons of the Nobility and Gentry, who studied the Law and learned the Accomplishments of a Gentleman, for the vulgar Sort could not bear the Expense of a Student there; which required eighty Scutes *per Annum*, that is twenty Marks: And Sir *John Ferne*, sometime a Student in the *Inner Temple*, confirms the same, where he saith, That nobleness of Blood joyned with Vertue, competeth the Persons as most meet to the enterprising of any publick Service: And for that Cause it was, not for nought, that our ancient Governours in this Land, did with a special foresight and Wisdom provide, that none should be admitted into the Houses of Court, being Seminaries, sending forth Men apt to the Government of Justice, except he was a Gentleman of Blood. And that this may seem a Truth, I my self, saith he, have seen a Kalendar of all those, who were together in the Society of one of the same Houses about the last Year of King *H. V.* with the Arms of their House and Family, marshalled by their Names; and moreover, saith he, I assure you the self same Monument doth both approve them all to be Gentlemen of perfect Descents, and also the Number of them much less than now it is, being at that time scarcely threescore in one House.

'Twas the great Policy and Wisdom of the ancient Kings and Princes, not only of this Realm, but also of *France* and

*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 320.  
Ord. 6 Car. I.  
nu. 5.  
Ibid fol. 321.  
Ord. 16 Car. II  
nu. 5.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 142.

*Ferne's Glory  
of Generosity,*  
p. 24.

other neighbouring Kingdoms in this Part of the World, to ordain that their Nobility and Gentry should be exercised in military Discipline, and instructed in the liberal Arts and Sciences, to the End they might be qualified to be Commanders in their Armies, and Judges in their Courts of Judicature; for these were Officers of great Trust, and nearly concerned the Crown; which was the Reason that none but the Nobility and Gentry were permitted to hold Lands by the Tenure of Knight's Service; by which Tenure they were bound to teach their Children the Feats of Arms, and to learn them the liberal Arts and Sciences in the University and Inns of Court; therefore Nurseries were appointed for these Purposes, where their Sons were fitted for Business, and qualified by Law and Experience to dispence Justice, and govern the People, which made them great in the Eye of the inferior Sort, who were ordain'd for Husbandry, Trade, manual Arts and Occupations, Labour, and Service; but now these Mechanics, ambitious of Rule and Government, often educate their Sons in these Seminaries of Law, whereby they overstock the Profession, and so make it contemptible; whilst the Gentry, not sensible of the Mischief they draw upon themselves, but also upon the Nation, prefer them in their Business before their own Children, whom they bereave of their Employment, formerly designed for their Support; qualifying their Servants by the Profit of this Profession to purchase their Estates, and by this Means make them their Lords and Masters, whilst they lessen the Trade of the Kingdom, and cause a Scarcity of Husbandmen, Workmen, Artificers, and Servants in the Nation.

These Motives might incline King *James I. Anno 1 Regni sui*, to declare his royal Pleasure, by Sir *John Popham, Kt.* then Lord Chief Justice of the *Kings Bench*, and his other Judges, that none should be admitted into the Society of any House of Court who was not a Gentleman by Descent; and that those Gentlemen might be qualified to manage the Business of their Clyents, the Judges ordered that none should be called to the Bar, but at the Parliament, Council, or Pension holden for their Society, and only those that had continued seven Years in the House, performed all their Exercises, and frequented Commons there; and that none should plead in any Court at Westminster, nor sign any Bill, Answer, Replication, or other Pleading in Chancery, nor any Action, Bill, or Plea in any Court of Record, under five Years standing at the Bar; nor might plead before the Justices of the Assize; nor be Steward or Recorder of any Court of Record in any Borough or Town Corporate, unless they were three Years standing at the Bar, in one of the Inns of Court; and it is worth the Consideration of a Parliament to extend these Laws to all Court Barons, and Conveyances of Land

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Baccorum.*

Order, 1 J. I.  
1603.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 316.

Order, n. 8, 6  
Car. I.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 321.  
Order, nu. 8,  
16 Car. II.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 323.  
Order, 36 Eli.  
1604.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 313, 314.  
Order, 16 Eli.  
1674.  
*Origin. Jurid.*  
fol. 312.  
Stat. 21 J. I.  
cap. 23.  
Clapham's  
Case.  
Cro. 3 Rep.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

for the general Good and Benefits of the People, that all Stewards of Court Barons may be qualified by Law to avoid and prevent those Doubts and Mischiefs which often arise there, as well upon Surrenders and Admissions to Copiholds, as Grants and Conveyances for the passing of Land and Estates; for the Mistakes made in Surrenders and Admissions to Copiholds, and in the Grants and Conveyances of other Lands, made without Advice of Council have multiplied great Suits at Law in the several Courts at Westminster, caused great Expence of Mony, and indangered the Loss of several Estates, whilst 'tis impossible that unlearned Men in the Law can prevent them.

### *The Mannor of ANABULL*

**W**AS denominated from *William Anabull*, who held it and was Lord hereof in the time of King *H. VI.* but having observed little of it in my Reading, I shall take Notice only that *Christopher Smith* held it in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and married *Margaret*, Daughter of *John Hide* of *Albury*, by whom he had Issue

*Nicolas Smith*, who lived at Westminster, in the Year of our Lord 1602, and married *Katharine*, the Daughter of *William Gardiner* of *Southwarke*, by whom he had two Sons, *Edmund* and *Nicolas*, late Vicar of *Braughing*, and one Daughter, *Frances* married to *William Tucker*.

*Edmond Smith* was his Son and Heir, sometime one of the Clerks of his Majesty's Council in *Ireland*, where he married *Grace* Daughter of *John Percival* of *Kingsale*, on whom he begat five Sons, *Edmund*, *Christopher*, *Nicolas*, *John*, *James*; and five Daughters, *Mary* married to *James Reding*, *Margaret* to *Robert Morris*, *Alice* to *Matthew Louk*, *Frances*, and *Grace*.

**T**HIS Church is situated not far from the Vill, which is a fair Building covered with Lead, and a square Tower adjoyns the West End hereof, wherein is a Ring of five Bells; it is also leaded, and a short Spire is erected upon it: 'Tis a Chappel of ease to *St. Stephen's*, and hath some Gravestones with these Inscriptions.

*Hic jacet Willielmus Seabrooke, qui obiit 2 April. 1462. et Joanna uxor ejus ——— quorum ———*

*Orate pro animabus Mathel Cressey et Johanne uxoris ejus quondam. filie Edmundi Peryent, Armig. et Anne dicti Mathel uxoris, quondam filie Thomæ Vernon, Armigeri, quæ Johanna obiit 29. Novemb. 1478.*

*Hic jacent Willielmus Anabul et Isabella uxor ejus, qui quidem Willielmus obiit 4 die mensis Octobris 1457.*

*Hic jacent Nathan et Maria liberi Guillelmi Cotton de Turners Hall, Armigeri, et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus, filie senioris Godmanni Jenkins, Gener. Anno Dom. 1661.*

Here under lies the body of *William Cressey*, who deceased the 24th day of October in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth*; *Grace Johnson* his Wife died the 14 of May 1671. and was one of the Daughters of *Robert Dartnold* of *Benbury* in the County of *Kent*.

*Hic jacet Nathan Cotton de Turners Hall generosus, Servus domesticus Jacobi, Caroli I. et Caroli II. Regum Angliæ obiit octavo die Novembris anno Dom. 1661. Etatis suæ 74.*

*Hund. of  
Barcum.*

*Beatam in Christi Adventu Resurrectionem præstolans Corpus Godmanni Jenkins, Generosi, qui duorum Regum illustrium Jacobi et Caroli primi Servus fuit domesticus, obiit autem Novembris die tertio anno 1670.*

*Hic etiam quiescit corpus Ellzabethæ uxoris ejus, quæ à vita migravit die 17. Junii 1660.*

## NORTHMYMMES.

THE Saxons added this Adjunct to the Name of this Vill. to distinguish it from the next Town of the same Denomination in ~~Middlesex~~; it lies about eight Miles distant from ~~Walthamstow~~, dispersedly among other Towns in ~~Essex~~ Hundred; and William the Conqueror granted it to Robert Bishop of ~~Exeter~~, for I find it recorded in *Domesdei Book* under the Title of *Terra Episc. Cestrensis*.

*In Banais Hundred. Robertus Episc. de Cestre tenet Mimummes pro octo hidis et un. virgat. se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro octo hidis. Terra est tredecim car. in Dominio quatuor hidæ. et ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri, ibi septemdecim Vill. cum octo Bord. habentibus decem car. ibi tres Cotarii, et unus Servus, pastura ad pec. Silva quatuor centum porc. in totis valent. valet et valuit octo lib. tempore Regis Edwardi decem lib. Hoc Manerium tenuerunt tres Teigni homines Regina Eddid. et vendere potuerunt. Hoc Manerium non est de Episcopatu sed fuit Rainerii Patris Roberti Episc.*

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 134. n. 7.*

Robert Bishop of ~~Exeter~~ held ~~Mimummes~~ in Banais Hundred, it was rated for eight Hides and one Virgate, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor,) and now for eight Hides. The arable is thirteen Carucates, in Demeasne four Hides, and there are two Carucates, and a third may be made, there are seventeen Villains with eight Bordars having ten Carucates, there are three Cottagers, and one Servant, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed four hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth eight Pounds by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) ten Pounds. Three Thanes, Men (under the Protection) of Queen Edditha, held this Mannor and might sell it. This Mannor was not held in right of the Bishoprick, but of Rainer Father of Robert the Bishop.

In short time after, this Mannor came to the Possession of Jeoffery de Magnivile, descended from a noble Family of the Normans, which I have treated of in the Parish of ~~Sa-~~bridge~~worth~~ and ~~Cedleston~~, to which I refer the Reader; he erected this Church and gave the Tyths hereof to support the great Abby, which he founded at ~~Walden~~ in ~~Essex~~, and he died on the 16th Calends of Oct. Anno 1144, 9 Steph.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 449*

This Mannor pass'd as those of ~~Sa-~~bridge~~worth~~ and ~~Ced-~~leston did, until the Name extinguisht, when it came to Beatrix the Wife of William Say, who was the next Heir general of this Line; she had Issue two Sons, William and Jeoffry Say.

William Say dying in the time of his Father, left Issue two Daughters, who were his Heirs, Beatrix and Maud.

Beatrix married Jeoffry Fitzpiers, from whom those of

*Hund. of  
Borocum.*

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. 1. cur.  
recept. Scac.*

that Line, who afterwards assum'd the Sirname of *Mandevile*, and were Earls of *Essex*, descended. *Maud*, the other Sister, married *William de Buckland*.

'Twas found Anno 6 *Edw. I.* that *Peter Pycote*, *Roger de Backsworth*, *Arnulph de Monte Cavisio*, and *Ralph* of the same, claimed to hold in the Vill of *Northampton* of the Honour of *Mandevile* and *Gloucester*, the View of Franc-pledge, the Correotion of the Assize of Bread and Ale, Gallows, Waife, Free-warren, Easements from the Sheriff's Torns, and of all his Men, for Half a Mark to be given for all Services.

About fifty or sixty Years after, I find Sir *Robert Knolles* possess this Mannor, who had advanc'd himself from a low Fortune by a military Course of Life to a fair Estate; for he obtained so great Wealth by the Troubles in *Normandy* and *Britany*, that he became an eminent Commander in those Parts, Anno 32 *Edw. III.* and was made General, Anno 44 *Edw. III.* of all those Forces which King *Edward* sent at that time into *France*: He was Governor of the Castle at *Brest* in *Britany*, Anno 1 *R. II.* assisted the Duke of *Britany* against the *French*, An 3 *R. II.* and landing then at *Calais*, march'd quite through *France* without Resistance: He led on the Citizens of *London*, 4 *R. II.* against *Jack Straw* and his Followers, in that dangerous Insurrection against the King; and besides all these military Acts which made him famous in those Days, he built that stately Bridge over the River *Medway* near *Rochester* in *Kent*, founded a Collegiate Church in the Town of *Pontefract*, dedicated to the Honour of the *Holy Trinity*, and plac'd a Master and six or seven Priests there, and erected an Hospital by it for the Relief of thirteen poor Men and Women; he enlarged the House of Fryars Carmelites, commonly called the *White Fryars* in *London*, and died at his Mannor-house of *Scene Thorpe* now *Sculthorp* in the County of *Hertford*, about the Feast of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin, Anno 1407, and was buried with the Lady *Constance* his Wife in the Body of the Church at the *White Fryars* *London*, which he had so lately repaired, leaving Issue

*Thomas Knowles*, who married *Margaret* the Widow of *John Chichley*, Chamberlain of *London*, from whom descended

*Robert Knowles*, who was his Heir, and married *Elizabeth* the Daughter and Heir of *William Troutbeck* of *Cheshire*, by whom he had Issue

*Anne*, who was his Daughter and Heir, and married *Henry Frowyck* of *Cheltp*, by whom he begat *Thomas*, *Isabel* married to *Thomas Bedlow*, and *Elizabeth* wedded to *John Coningsby*.

*Thomas Frowick* died without Issue, leaving *Isabel* and

*Elizabeth* his Sisters and Coheirs, and upon the Partition, this Mannor came to

*Hand. of*

*Mancum.*

*Elizabeth*, the Wife of *John Coningsby*, who was constituted Sheriff for this County, Anno 38 *Henry VIII.* from whom this Mannor pass'd, as I have shew'd before, as the Mannors of *Weld*, *Randolfes*, and *Heuberries*, past in the Parish of *St. Peters*, to

*Thomas Coningsby*, Esq. of whom I have treated there; he sold this Mannor to

*Sir Nicholas Hide*, who married *Bridget* the Daughter of *Michael Sandis* of *Latimers* in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. was knighted An. 1 *Jac. I.* constituted Sheriff of this County in the 17th Year of the same King, and created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 8th of *Novemb. 1621*, 19 *Regni sui*, and died leaving Issue

*Sir Thomas* who was his only Son and Heir, and married *Mary* the Daughter of *John Whitchurch* of *Walton* near *Slisbury*, in the County of *Buckingham*, Gent. on whose Body he begat

*Bridget*, who was his sole Heir, and married *Peregrine Osborne*, Lord *Osborne* of *Wibton*, commonly called Marquess of *Carmarthen*, Viscount *Dunblain* of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, the only surviving Son and Heir apparent to his Grace *Thomas Duke of Leeds*, &c. summon'd to Parliament 14 *Mar. 1690*, 2 *W. and M.* and had his Place according to the Antiquity of his Father's Barony, whose Title of Marquess gives me Occasion to discourse this Honour.

*Dale's Catal.*  
*of Nobility.*

Those Counts or Graves, whom the Emperor employed, in the Government of Provinces near the Frontiers of the Empire had the Title of *Marchio* and *Margravius* in Latin, and *Markgrave* in Dutch, and in Italian *Marchese*, whence the later *Greeks* have their *Μαρκσις* *Μαρκσιων* for a Marquess and Marchioness, because those Frontiers were known by the Name of *Marken* or *Marks*, or Limits of the Empire, in the same Sense as the Marshes of *Scotland*, or *Wales*, for the Word *Mark* or *March* signifies a Limit, Bound, or Frontier in the Dutch, or rather in the Language of the *Goths* or *Vandals*.

*Seld. tit. Hon.*  
*pt. 2, cap. 1.*  
*p. 430.*

This Title, it seems, was distinguish'd when Duke and Count were made a third Dignity, different from both of them, inferior to the one, and superior to the other: But *Mr. Selden* saith this Word *Marchio* occurred not in the Empire before *Charles* the Great appointed Governors by that Name in *Gascony*, yet this Title was then only officinary, not feudal till the time of the Emperor *H. I.* nor in *England* till the Reign of *William* the Conqueror, when he granted fair Possessions and large Territories to some valiant *Normans*, upon the Confines or Bordars of the *British* or *Welch*, which were not then reduced to Obedience, to

*Ibid. cap. 3.*  
*p. 528.*



*Hand. of  
Bartrum.*

the End that they might defend them from the Inroads and Invasions of those Enemies, and enlarge their Dominions by the Recovery of their Country from them, which was the Service by which they held their Honours and Possessions, and these were commonly called Marchers, whereof one had the Care of the North Border of ~~Wales~~, who was created Earl of ~~Chesster~~, and his Territory was made a County Palatine; and the Lord Marchers of the middle Part, and of the South ~~Wales~~, had also a Palatine Jurisdiction, for they had a Court of *Chancery*, and Writs only among themselves pleadable, to the Intent that they might not have Occasion to draw them from their Charge or Employment; but the other Part of South ~~Wales~~, was sufficiently fenc'd with the River of ~~Sabern~~ and the Sea.

This Title of Marquess was not known with us before *R. II.* who created *Robert Vere* Marquess of ~~Dublin~~, in the 9th Year of his Reign. Marquesses are now created like other Dignities by Letters Patents, and at the time of Creation, a Marquess must have his Surcoat and Hood, and shall be led by a Duke or Marquess, and the Sword and Cap shall be born by two Earls.

*Dale's Catal.  
of Nobility.*

As their Dignity is between a Duke and a Count, so their Coronets set over their Arms are mix'd of those of a Duke and Count, but have four Flowers of less Height than the Duke's Coronets, and between them three such pearled Points as are in the Coronets of Counts, and his Mantle is double Ermine, which is of three Doublings and an Half: He hath the Title of, and in all Letters ought to be stiled, most noble and puissant Prince: and the King terms them *Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin*, and if they be Privy Counsellors, they have this Addition, *and Counsellors*; and may have his Cloath of Estate reaching within a Yard of the Ground, the King or a Duke not being present; and a Marchioness may have her Train born up by a Knight's Lady in her own House, but not in a Dutchess's Presence; and their younger Sons shall be called Lords by the Courtessie of England.

#### *The Mannor of BROOKMANS*

**W**AS anciently derived from the Mannor of ~~North-~~  
~~myms~~, for it is holden of it by Fealty and certain Rent; 'tis a fair Mannor, and has a large Rental which shews a great Number of Tenants that belong to it, but wanting Information, Sir *Paul Pindar* is the first Lord hereof that I have met with, and after his Decease, it was sold to

Sir *William Dudley*, who enjoy'd it sometime, then convey'd it about the Year 1666, to

*Andrew Fountain* of ~~Saul~~ in the County of ~~North-~~  
~~folk~~, Esq. He married *Theophila* Daughter of Dr. *Stubs* of

**Clunham** in the same County, and the Widow of *William Wells* of *Walbridge*, Gent. by whom he had no Issue, and after her Decease he wedded *Sarah Chickley*, Daughter of *Sir Thomas Chickley*, Kt. Master of the Ordnance and Chancellor of the Dutchy of *Lancaster* in the Reigns of King *Charles II.* and King *James II.* by whom he had Issue *Andrew, John, Brig, Elizabeth*, and one Daughter, whereof *Andrew, Brig, and Elizabeth* are now living; he built a very fair House upon this Mannor in the Year 1682, from whence you have a pleasant Prospect from the Front thereof towards the East over *Essex*, and from the Back thereof toward the West into *Bedfordshire*; it has Jurisdiction only of Court Baron, and lies within the Leet of *Northmymms*.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

Matthew Fountain of Saul in Norfolk. — Elizabeth, Da. and Heir of Ma. Welch of Colby.

Arthur Fountain — Frances, Daughter of Clement Pagrave of Berningham in Norfolk, Esq; of Saul.

John Fountain — Mary, Daughter of Brig of Saul.

Arthur Fountain of Wood-Dalling in Norfolk.

Brigg of — John, Da. of Andrew Henly of Taunton in Somerset.

John Fountain of — Serjt. at Law, died 14 Jan. 1671, Ætat. 70, buried at Saul.

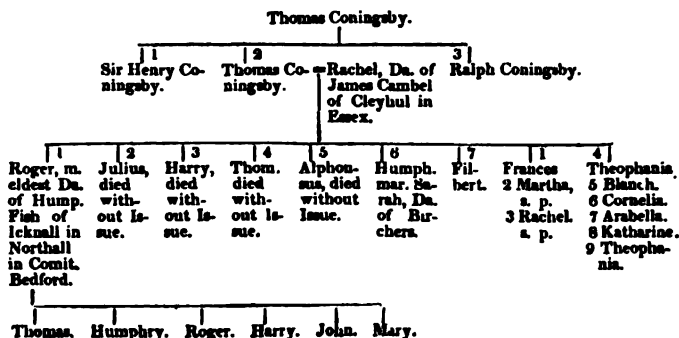
James Fountain of Saul.

Andrew of — Theophila, Daugh. of Dr. Stubbs, first Brockmans. Wife, Sarah Daughter of Sir Tho. Chickley of Wendly in Cambridge-shire.

Andrew Fountain.

### *The Mannor of POTTERELS.*

**WAS** doubtless denominated from some Owner of that Name, and is a Mannor of itself, or Parcel of the Demesne of some adjacent Mannor, for I cannot learn that it pays any Duty or Service, or depends upon any other Mannor. It came, as I am inform'd, by the Purchase of a Lady, who married into this Family, and had Issue



*Hand. of  
Baccum.*

Within this Mannor is a Place called *Bale*, in a Cops Wood surrounded with Trees, and when any Rains fall, a great Flux of Water flows from the Hills to a Place call'd *Kitesbourne*, and thence runs in a Channel through the Woods to this Bottom, where the Water drains into the Ground through small Holes in the Bottom, where is no Grass, and makes a Noise in the Earth as it passes away; and 'tis supposed runs by certain Wells near the Church, about half a Mile distant from this Swallow, for the Waters there upon any such Floods turn white, but none could inform me of any Place where they break forth again.

*The Mannor of GOBIONS.*

SO termed from the *Gobions*, who were Lords hereof, whom I have mentioned in the Vill of *Stapleford*, where they held a Mannor call'd by their own Name, and another in the County of *Bedford*, which retains the Name of *Higbam Gobion* to this Day.

*Origin. Jurid.  
Chron. Series,  
fol. 80.*

This Mannor was Parcel of the ancient Revenue of the *Mores*, and I find that Sir *John More* possessed it in the time of *H. VII.* He studied the Laws of this Realm in *Lincoln's Inn*, where he read in Autumn 9 *H. VII.* was call'd to the State and Degree of a Serjeant at Law, by Writ returnable *Tres Michaelis*, 20 *H. VII.* constituted one of the Justices of the Common-Bench 9 *H. VIII.* and removed thence to the Court of *King's Bench*, as appears by his Will dated 26th of *Feb.* 1526, 18 *H. VIII.* He married ——— Daughter of ——— *Hancombe* of *Holwell*, in the County of *Bedford*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, *Jane* married to *Richard Saffreton*, and *Elizabeth* to *John Rastal* Father of Judge *Rastal*; after her Decease he married *Alice* Daughter of one of the *Mores* in *Surry*, Great Aunt to Sir *William More*, to whom he gave this Mannor in Jointure; and she survived Sir *Thomas* about ten Years, died, and lieth buried at *Northal* in this County: He was sweet and pleasant in Conversation, innocent and harmless, meek and gentle, merciful and pittiful, just, and free from Corruption.

*Thomas More* his only Son, was born in *Milk-street*, *London*, Anno 1480, 20 *Edw. IV.* educated there at a Free School, called *St. Anthones*, under *Nicholas Holt*, a famous and learned Man, removed thence to the House of Cardinal *Moreton*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and Lord High Chancellor of *England*, who would often try his Parts and exercise his pregnant Wit, from whence he sent him to *Christ Church* in *Oxford*, where in two Years' time he greatly improved his Studies in Rhetorick, Logick, and Philosophy: He married *Jane*, the Daughter of Mr. *John Colt* of *Netwal* in *Essex*, by whom he had Issue *John*,

*Margaret*, a Woman of singular Wit, great Wisdom, rare Piety, and extraordinary Learning, married to *William Roper* of *Tenham* and *Eltham* in the County of *Kent*, Esq. *Elizabeth* wedded to the Son and Heir of *Sir John Dancy*, Kt. and *Cicily* espoused to *Giles Heron* of *Spacklewell* in the County of *Gloucester*, Esq. He was admitted in *Lincoln's Inn*, read in Autumn 3 *H. VIII.* and the King taking Notice of his great Parts, Learning, and Diligence, sent him into *France* to claim certain Debts due to him, which Employ he perform'd to the great Satisfaction of both Kings; after that he went upon an Ambassage into *Flanders*, where he confirmed the League between *England* and *Burgundy*, for which Service the King offer'd him an yearly Pension upon his Return, but he refused it. He wrote his famous Book of *Utopia*, Anno 1516, when he was about 36 Years of Age, the History of *Richard III.* and divers other learned Pieces. He was created a Councillor of State, dubb'd a Knight, made Master of the Requests, Treasurer of the *Exchequer*, one of the Prince's Council, Speaker of the House of Commons, Anno 14 *H. VIII.* Chancellor of the Dutchy of *Lancaster*, and at length Lord Chancellor of *England*, 25 Oct. in the 25th Year of *H. VIII.* He managed that Office for the Space of two Years and an Half, with that Justice and Wisdom, that none ever exceeded him; but he foreseeing the Incertainty of the King's Favour, and greatly sensible of the Misfortune and Danger that attended the Fall of great Officers, prevailed with his Majesty to receive the Seal, and to discharge him from the high Office of Chancellor, which the King granted with a large Encomium of his great Service; he had a convenient House not subject to Envy, yet magnificent enough, where he pleas'd himself with the Enjoyment of his Wife and Children; it was a School or University of Christian Religion, where no Quarrelling or intemperate Words were heard, no Strife or Envy was allowed, but every one learned the Method of Complaisance, and studied quietly the liberal Sciences; this Discipline he exercised, not by proud and lofty Words, but with all kind and courteous Benevolence, great Alacrity, and sober Mirth; his first Wife was young, instructed in Learning and all Kind of Musick: His second Wife he chose for a Governess to his Family, and tho' she was somewhat harsh and covetous by Nature, yet she performed her Task every Day upon the Lute, Viol, or some other Instrument. He would not suffer any of his Servants to be idle, but assign'd to every one his Task, some to labour in his Garden, others to sing, others to play on the Organ, but allow'd none to use Cards or Dice; he constantly said certain Prayers with them every Night, and required every of them to be at Mass on Sundays or Holidays: They watch'd the Eves all the

Head of  
Decorum.



*Hind. of  
Bacorum.*



time of Mattins upon great Feasts; and he read the holy Passion to them upon Fridays, oftentimes interposing something of his own to move them to Compassion, Compunction, or such pious Affections, allowing none to reside there, who was touch'd with the least Aspersions of evil Fame. 'Tis observable that all the Revenues and Pensions which he received from his Father, or by Marriage, or his own Purchase (except his Mannors of *Duckington*, *Strinckford*, and *Barly Park* in *Oxfordshire*, which the King freely bestow'd upon him by Patent) exceeded not the yearly Value of 50*l*. for his Mother in Law, who survived him, held this Man-nor for her Jointure; and though he lived very prudently all the time he managed those great Offices which he enjoy'd, Mr. *Roper*, the Husband of his beloved Daughter *Margaret*, attested upon his own Knowledg, that when he resigned the Office of Chancellor of *England*, he had not one hundred Pounds in Gold and Silver, his Debts paid, and Chain excepted; which was a great Demonstration of his Honesty and Uprightness whilst he executed all those great Offices, shew'd his Contempt to all worldly Riches, and manifested his Bounty to the Church, and his Charity to the Poor; and when the Bishops of *England* considered he was not rich, nor advanced according to his Worth in yearly Revenue, they raised four thousand Pounds in their Convocation, and presented it to him towards a Gratification of his Pains in writing many learned Books in Defence of the Catholick Faith. He acknowledged that their Present was indeed very honourable, yet he set so much by his Pleasure, and so little by his Profit, that he would not for much more Money have lost the Rest of so many Night's Sleep as he spent upon the same, yet wish'd that, upon Condition all Heresies were suppress'd, all his Works were burnt, and his Labour utterly lost; this was a strong Evidence that the Pains he took, was only the Respect he had for the Honour of God, and not for vain Glory or worldly Profit. And when he called all his Children together, asked their Advice how he might (now his Ability was impaired by the Surrender of his Office) maintain them as he had, and gladly would do, and all were silent; he answered, his Revenue was one hundred Pound *per Annum*, if they lived together, they must be content to contribute together, and live at the Rate he did at *Lincoln's Inn*, if they could not maintain it, then according to *Oxford* Fare, and if their Purses would not answer that, then they would beg together with Basket and Wallet, hoping some good People would afford them their Charity, and at every Man's Door they would sing a *Salve Regina*, whereby they should keep Company, and be merry together; thus he exprest his Love towards his Children, but more towards God, taking patiently whatsoever

should befall him, and provided for the worst, that he might be better prepared to endure lesser Crosses.

But afterwards Sir *Thomas More* refusing to take the Oath whereby all Subjects were required to renounce the Pope's Authority, and to maintain the Succession of Queen *Ann's* Children, was arraigned before Sir *Thomas Audley*, Kt. Lord Chancellor of England, Sir *John Fitz James*, Lord Chief Justice, Sir *John Baldwin*, Sir *Richard Leicester*, Sir *John Port*, Sir *John Spilman*, Sir *Walter Luke*, and Sir *Anthony Fitzherbert*, at the King's Bench Bar, on the 7th of May, 1535, for refusing to renounce the Pope's Authority, and maintain the Succession of Queen *Ann's* Children, contrary to the Statute made in the Parliament Anno 1534. To which Indictment Sir *Thomas* pleaded, Not guilty; and thereupon Sir *Thomas Palmer*, Sir *Thomas Peirt*, *George Lovel*, *Thomas Burbage*, Esquires, *Jeoffry Chamber*, *Edward Stockmore*, *William Browne*, *Jasper Leak*, *Thomas Billington*, *John Parnel*, *Richard Bellame*, and *George Stokes*, Gentlemen, were sworn upon the Jury, and when Sir *Thomas More* had alleged what he could say in his own Defence, the Jury withdrew for a small time, and upon their Return found him Guilty; and after Sir *Thomas More* had taken Exceptions to the Indictment and they were overul'd, the Lord Chancellor pronounced upon him the usual Sentence given in Cases of High Treason, which afterwards was changed only to beheading, because he had been Lord Chancellor, and when he heard what Favour the King had granted to him, he answer'd merrily, *God forbid, the King should use any more such Mercy to any of his Friends*: He was led from thence by Sir *William Kingston*, a tall comely Gentleman, Constable of the Tower, and his very good Friend; the Axe carried before him, and the Edge turned towards him; in the Way his Son threw himself at his Feet, humbly craving his Blessing with Tears, which he gave him and most affectionately seal'd it with a Kiss, commending greatly his Behaviour; a rare Pattern and Example for those young Men who in this Age have forgot their Duty to God and their Parents; then Mrs. *Roper* his beloved Daughter attended his Return at Tower Wharfe, where she receiv'd his Blessing and kiss'd him; then he advised that she should submit her Will to the Pleasure of Almighty God, and be patient for her Loss, for whatsoever he should suffer was not without the Will of God: When Sir *Thomas Pope* gave him Notice of his Execution, and taking his Leave wept bitterly, he advised him to quiet himself, for he hoped to see him again in Eternal Bliss, and to divert his Melancholy, Sir *Thomas More* took his Urinal in his Hand, and casting his Water, merrily said, *I see no Danger but this Man*

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*may live longer if it shall please the King; when he was gone, Sir Thomas More preparing for his Execution, like one invited to a solemn Banquet, put on his Silk Chamblet Gown, but the Lieutenant perswading him to change it for a worse, that the Executioner might not have it for his Perquisites, he answer'd, *He should think it well bestowed on him if it was Cloath of Gold, for St. Ciprian, that famous Bishop of Carthage, gave thirty Pieces of Gold to his Executioner because he should be the Instrument that should transfer him thence to Heaven.* Yet the Lieutenant at length prevailed with him to put on a Gown of Friease; then he attended him from the Tower to the Place of Execution about nine of the Clock, whilst Sir Thomas walked thither with a long Beard, contrary to his wonted Fashion, and a red Cross in his Hands, often fixing his Eyes upon Heaven, refused a Cup of Wine presented to him in his Passage, because Christ at his Passion drank only Gall and Vinegar: When he mounted the Scaffold which seem'd so weak that 'twas ready to fall, he said merrily to the Lieutenant, *I pray, Sir, see me safe up, and for my coming down let me shift for myself;* The Sheriff interrupting him when he would have spoke to the People, he desired their Prayers and that they would testify that he died a faithful Servant to God and the King, in and for the Faith of the Holy Catholick Church, then he kneeling down pronounced the Psalm of Mercy with great Devotion, and chearfully rising again kist the Executioner, saying, *Thou will do me this Day a greater Benefit, than any mortal Man can give me, phuck up thy Spirit, Man, be not afraid to do thy Office, my Neck is very short, take heed therefore that thou strike not awry, for saving thy Honesty;* then fitting his Head to the Block, he had the Executioner stay until he had removed aside his Beard, saying, *That that had never committed any Treason;* after which he received the fatal Blow of the Ax with great Alacrity and spiritual Comfort; he was of mean Stature, well proportioned, his Complexion tending to Phlegmitick, his Colour white and pale, his Hair between black and yellow, his Eyes gray, his Countenance lovely and chearful, his Voice plain and distinct, his Body reasonable healthful, complain'd only towards his End of a Pain in his Breast by using much Writing. He chiefly drank Water in his Youth, and only tasted Wines when he pledged others; he affected salt Meats, especially powder'd Beef, Milk, Cheese, Eggs, and Fruit; and usually eat of coarse brown Bread, which some supposed was rather for Mortification than any Love he had for it; he was qualified with such a mild Behaviour and excellent Temper that none could move him to Anger or Passion, and would always esteem that beneficial to him which he could not prevent; he was endew'd with a*

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ready Wit, a rare Tongue, and great Elocution, always blending his grave Discourses with his witty Jokes, and was never known to smile or take Notice when a Jest fell from him, which render'd his Company the more acceptable, and his Discourses the more pleasant, he was admirable in all Kind of Learning, Latin, Greek, prophane and divine; he was wise in Council, would declare the Truth to his Prince without Fear, manage an Ambassage with great Prudence, and delivered his Judgment with an extraordinary Grace: 'Tis observable, that when he was at the Height of his Prosperity, he would always shew his Duty to his Parents, and in his Passage to the *Chancery Court* every Morning usually waited upon his Father, one of the Justices of the Court of *King's Bench*, an Office much inferior to that of Chancellor, begged his Benediction there, and then proceeded to his high Seat of Judicature: an admirable Instance to reprimand the young Men of this Age, who contemn their Parents, and covet their Death that they may gain their Estates before the time God hath appointed.

*John More* was his only Son and Heir, but enjoy'd his Estate a small time, for two Acts of Parliament were immediately past after the Attainder of his Father, the one to deprive him of the King's Royal Bounty to his Father, the other to defeat him of the Paternal Estate settled upon him before the Statute was made upon which he was attainted, and then attainted this *John* upon the same Law; but when he had lost all, 'tis very remarkable that the Blessing of his Parents rested upon his Head, for the King granted him his Pardon and his Liberty, and though this Mannor was settled upon Queen *Elizabeth* for her Life, which was the Reason Queen *Mary* could not restore it in her Life time, yet it return'd to the Family upon the Death of Queen *Elizabeth*. This *John* married *Anne*, the sole Daughter and Heir of *Edward Cressacre* of *Baronburgh*, in the County of *York*, who brought a fair Estate to him, and a goodly Offspring, *Thomas*, *Augustine*, *Thomas* the younger, *Edward*, *Bartholomew*, who died in his Youth, *Margaret*, *Elizabeth*, and *Cicely*, the two first Sons dying without Issue

*Thomas More*, the third Son, was the Heir of this Family, born at *Chelsey*, 8th of *August*, An. 23 H.VIII. and married *Margaret* Daughter of *John Scrope* of *Hambleton*, in the County of *Bucks*, Esq. second Son of *Henry Lord Scrope*, from whom descended

*Cressacre More* of *Mort Hall*, alias *Gubbins*, in the Parish of *Northmyms*, who was born at *Baronburgh*, 3d of *July*, 1572; he obtained this Mannor upon the Death of Queen *Elizabeth*, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Gage* of *Jurles* in the County of *Sussex*, by whom he

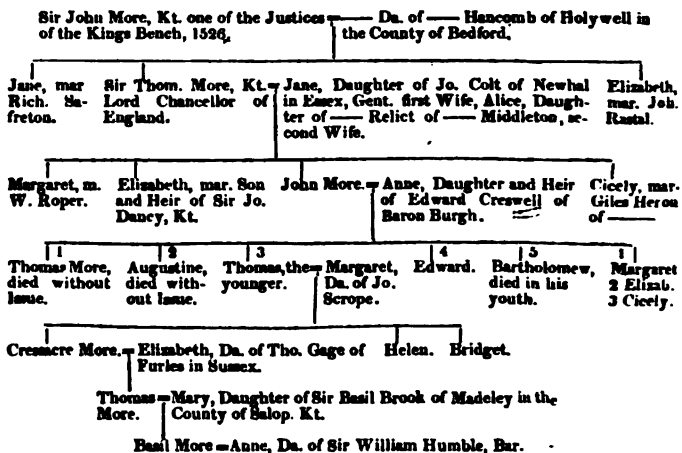


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had Issue *Thomas, Hellen, and Bridget*; she died the 15th of July, 1618, but he was living Anno 1638. Afterwards

*Thomas More* succeeded, lived here, and married *Mary*, Daughter of Sir *Basil Brook* of *Madeley* in the County of *Salop*, Kt. by whom he had Issue

*Basil More*, who married *Anne* Daughter of Sir *William Humble*, who was created Bar. by Letters Patents dated the 21st day of June, in the Year of our Lord 1660, 12 Car. II.



The great Losses which this *Basil* sustain'd by reason of his Loyalty to his Prince, caused him to sell this Mannor to

Sir *Edward Desbovery* of *London*, Merchant, who died seiz'd hereof, Anno 1694, leaving Issue two Sons, *William* and *Jacob*, who lived a while here, and it was sold to — *Bitckcraft*, Packer at *Blackmel-hall*, *London*, in the Year 1697, who is the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Vicaridge Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 10l. — is Patron hereof.

#### THE VICARS.

*John Clarke.* *Samuel Pyke.*

This Church is situated in the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of *Berkhamsted* in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, covered with Lead, to which adjoyns a square Tower, wherein is a Ring of five Bells, with a fair Spire of Lead erected upon it, and within the Church are Gravestones which are inscribed as follows.

Hic jacet Robertus Knolles, Armig. qui obiit — die Mensis, anno Dom. 14 — et Elizabetha uxor ejus, quæ obiit vicenisimo octavo die Mensis Novembris, Anno 1458. æt pueri eorumdem —.

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Hewes*, late of *Harbridge* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq; who departed this life the 27th of March, anno 1567. and also the Body of *Elizabeth* his Wife, sole Daughter and Heir of Sir *Griffith Dunne*, Kt. deceased the 2d. day of December 1590.

Of your charitie pray for the Soule of Thomas Leucas, Son and Heire apparant of John Leucas, of the ——— of Kent, the worthie Thomas in Childhood departed in God in the ——— of August, in the year of our Lord God 1631. on whose Soule and on all Christian Soules Jesu have mercy.

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Bacorum.

*Mre jacet Henricus Covert primogenitus Williel. Covert, Senior, de ———, Armig. qui obiit in festo Sti. Edri. Regis, in Anno Dom. 1488. rufus anime propitiatur Deus.*

William de Bathane jadis Botiler l' Prince gist icy Bien de salme eit morust.

*Here is a Chappel or Burying-place which the Coningsby's reserved to themselves upon the sale of this Mannor, wherein is a large Monument erected four Foot high without Inscription upon it.*

*In the Church-yard stands a Monument there three Foot high with this Inscription.*

Here lieth interr'd the Body of *Henry Grigg* (the Son of *Thomas Grigg*) late of this Parish, Citizen and Brewer of London, who gave to the Poor of this Parish 20*l.* to be bestowed in Land to their use yearly to the Worlds end, who departed this life the 24th of August 16—

Thus Youth, and Age, and all things pass away,  
Thy turn is now, as his was yesterday,  
To morrow shall another take thy room,  
The next day he a prey for Worms become:  
And on your dusty bones shall others tread,  
As you now walk and trample on the dead,  
Till neither Sign nor Memory appear,  
That you had ever Birth or Being here.

## SENLEY, SHENLEY.

WHICH Names this Vill might take from some Owner hereof; 'tis about four Miles distant from St. Albans to the South, and in the time of the Conqueror, the Church of St. Albans, and *Geoffry de Mandevile*, a great Norman, held the same, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, That

*In Albaneston Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani tenuit Senlai pro sex hidis se defendebat. Terra est octo car. in dominio duæ hidæ, et ibi sunt duo car. ibi undecim Vill. cum uno Francig. habentes quinque car. et sexta potest fieri, ibi tres cotar. pratum dimid. car. pastura ad pecud. Silva cccc porc. in totis valentiis valet duodecem lib. quando recepit sex lib. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi: Hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in Dom. Ecclesia Sancti Albani.*

*Domesd. Lib.*  
*fol. 135, n 9.*

*Goisfridus de Maneville tenuit Senlai pro octo hid. et tribus virgat. se defendebat. Terra est novem car. in dominio tres hidæ, et ibi sunt duo car. ibi duodecem Vill. habentes septem car. et adhuc tres possunt fieri, pratum. un. car. pastura ad pecud. Silva sexcentis porcis, in totis valentiis valet quatuor lib. quando recepit quinq; lib. tempore Regis Edwardi octo lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Asgar, et ibi duo Sock. homines ejus habuerunt un. hid. et tres virgat. et vendere potuit.*

*Ibid. fol. 139.*

The Abbot of St. Alban held Senley in Albaneston Hundred, it was rated for six Hides. The arable is eight Carucates, in Demeasne two Hides, and there are two Carucates, there are eleven Villains with one Frenchman born, having five Carucates and a sixth may be made; there are three Cottagers, Meadow half a Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed four hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth twelve Pounds a Year, when he received it six Pounds and Rent; in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) this Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Demeasne of the Church of St. Albans.

*Geoffery de Manevile* held Senley, it was rated for eight Hides and three Virgates. The arable is nine Carucates, in Demeasne three Hides, and there are two Carucates, there are twelve Villains having seven Ca-

*Hand. of  
Buckam.*

*Ber. vol. 1,  
fol. 203.*

*Rot. 56, cur.  
recept. Scac.*

*Stow's Survey  
of London,  
fol. 550.*

recates, and now three more may be made, Meadow one Carucate, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed six hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth four Pounds a Year, when he received it five Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) eight Pounds: *Agar* held this Mannor, and two Sochmen, Men under his Protection had one Hide and three Virgates there and they might sell it.

The one Mannor remain'd in the Church of *St. Albans*, and the other remain'd in the Family of the *Mandeviles*, who had also the Church of this Vill. This *Jeoffery de Mandevile* was Earl of *Essex*, Anno 1 *Steph.* and gave the Tyths belonging to it, to the great Abby of *Balden* in *Essex*, which was of his own Foundation, of whom I have treated in *Sabridgemorth*, to which I refer the Reader. After his Death it came to *Jeoffery* his Son and Heir, but did not continue long in his Name, for I find that his Son *William* died without Issue, and it was found An. 6 *Edw.* I. that *Adam de Stratton*, Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*, and *Walter de Mereden* were Lords of this Mannor, and held View of Franc-pledge here: This *Adam de Stratton* was attainted 18 *Edw.* I. his Estate forfeited, his Body imprison'd; he was fined 35000 Marks, and this Mannor came to the Crown, where it remained till the time of *Edw.* III. when it was conveyed by the Name of the Mannor of *Shenley* to

*John Poultney*, who was Citizen and Lord Mayor of *London*, Anno 1331, who paid yearly for it and the Mannor of *Witton* in the County of *Cambridge*, 8s. 4d. for an old Rent to the Crown Anno 1330, 1331, 4 and 5 *Edw.* III. His Family continued at *Misterton* in *Leicestershire*, of which I have seen this PEDIGREE.

Adam de Poultney.

Sir John Poultney, Kt. four times Mayor of London, oblit 1349. Margaret. — Sir Nicholas Level, Kt. second Husband.

William, died without Issue. Sir John Poultney of Misterton, Kt. in Com. Leicester, second Son.

Thomas Poultney, 8 H. V. Sir John Poultney, Kt. 8 H. V. 26 H. VI.

Margaret, mar. William Purefey of Draiton, Com. Leicester, 8 H. V. John Poultney of Misterton. — Margaret.

T. Poultney. — Roise. Margaret.

Sir Th. Poultney, Kt. — Ann, Da. of Sir Ralph Sherley of Stanton, Herald in Com. Leicester.

Sir F. Poultney, Kt. — Margaret, Daughter of Nicholas La. Vaux of Harowden.

Gabriel Poultney of Misterton, died 1597. — Dorothy, Daughter and Coheir of Thomas Spencer of Everton in Com. Northampton.

Sir John Poultney, Kt. — Margery, Da. of Sir John Fortescue, Kt.

John Poultney, Esq. died a. p. — Magdalen, Sister and Coheir, mar. Sir Tho. Aston of Aston in Cheshire, Bar. she died without Issue. Jane, Sister and Coheir mar. Sir Clieby Crew of Crew in Cheshire.

John Crew of Crew, Esq. sold this Mannor of Shenley and other Lands belonging to it, to

*Stephen Ewre* and *Joshuah Lomax*, Gentlemen, Attorneys at Law, who dealt much in buying and selling of Lands, by which this *Joshuah Lomax* obtained a fair Estate, and was constituted Sheriff of this County in the Year 1674, 26 *Car.* II. They were termed Attorneys at Law from the French Word *Tourner*, in Latine *Vertere*, and signified One appointed to act other Men's Business at Common Law, and was the same which was called in the Civil Law, Procurator, *Responsalis*, *Nuntius*, or *Missus*, and is an Officer of great Antiquity, for *Josias Berault*, in his Comment upon the Grand *Customarier* of Normandy, saith, *Nos Procureurs d'aujourd'hui sont semblables, a ceux qui olim a Dominis in judicio constituebantur qu'on appelle en Normandie passes Attournies, ou ausquells, ou baille procuration qu'on appelle ad lites desquels de pauvoir cessoit en la presence de la parte qui les avoit constitues, &c.* But neither the Romans, nor yet the French after them, allowed any Person to sue or act by their Procurator or Attorney without the King's Writ. These Attornies came from Normandy about the time of the Conquest, and the Norman Order and Usage was observed here, for no Attorney was allowed to appear or sollicite in any Court for his Clyent without the King's Writ, as is manifest by the Register of Writs; afterwards the Kings of this Realm left it to the Discretion of the Judges of the Court where the Suit was commenc'd, whether the Clyent should have an Attorney, as is evident by the Writ of *Dedimus potestatem de Attornato faciendo vel recipiendo*, which requires the Steward or Judge of the Court to grant and allow them Attornies; but since the 20th Year of *H. III.* divers Laws have been made, that any Person may make their Attorney, which general Liberty encouraged many ignorant and unskilful Men in the Law, to take upon them this Office, which introduced great Damage and Mischief to the People; this was the Reason of the Statute of *H. IV.* was made to restrain the Number of them, by which it was ordain'd that all Attornies should be examin'd by the Justices, and by their Discretions, their Names should be recorded in the Roll, and they that be good and vertuous, and of good Fame, should be received and sworn well and truly to serve in their Offices, and especially that they make no Suit in a forreign County; and the other Attornies should be put out at the Discretion of the Justices, and that their Masters for whom they were Attornies should be warned to take others in their Places, so that no Damage or Prejudice should come to their said Masters in the meantime, and if any of the said Attornies died or ceased, the Justices for the time being by their Discretion should make another vertuous and learned Man in his Place, and swear him in Manner aforesaid: and to pre-

*Hund. of Sacorum.*  
*Rot. Pip. in Scac. 26 C. II. Spelm. Gloss. tit. verb. Attornat. fol. 49.*

*Fitzherb. NB. p. 156.*

*Stat. 20 H. III. cap. 10, 6 E. I. cap. 8, 12 E. II. cap. 1, 15. E. II. 7 R. II. cap. 14.*

*Stat. H. IV. cap. 18.*

*Hund. of  
Barorum.*

*Stat. 3 Jac. 1.  
cap. 7.*

*Portecue de  
Land. Leg.  
Angl. cap. 49.*

serve the Learning and Reputation of these Officers, a Law was made in the Reign of King *James I.* that none should be admitted Attornies in any of the King's Courts of Record but such as have been brought up in the same Courts, or otherwise have been well practiced in soliciting Causes, and been found skilful and honest Men in their Dealings, and that no Attorney shall admit any other Person to practice in his Name; which Laws have rendered these Officers very useful, necessary, and beneficial to the People, and qualified them with so great a Reputation in the World, that many Gentlemen of considerable Families have not disdain'd to breed up their Sons, under the Government of these Attornies in one of the Inns of Chancery, where they may learn the first Elements of the Law, according to the old Method of England, and when grown good Proficients therein may be transplanted to some Inns of Court, where Part of the usual Fine taxed upon the Admission of others should be abated to them, and two Years time allowed for their Encouragement upon their Call to the Bar; and 'tis observed that divers eminent Judges in this Kingdom have had their Rise and Beginning from this Method: But to return to

*Joshuah Lomax*, he died leaving Issue two Sons, *Joshuah* and *Thomas*, whom he educated at the Inns of Court, and took their Degree of Barresters at Law, whereof *Thomas* the younger Son is the present Possessor hereof; and this Mannor is Parcel of the Dutchy of Lancaster.

### PORTERS

HERE is an old Seat called ~~Porters~~, which lately was possess'd by *Cox*, a second Branch from *Cox* of *Beamonts*, his Arms are described in vol. 2, p. 314. He sold it to *Oxey*, who past it to Sir *Edmond Anderson*, who was created Baronet by Patent dated the 11th of *December*, 1660, 12 Car. II.

*Trin. 7 Joh.  
Rot. 8. in dona.  
recept. Scac.*

'T WAS found Anno 7 *Johan* that *Roger de Sumery* presented *Johan* his son to the Church of *Shenley*, whose Advowson *Ralph de Chesmeduit* claimed against the Abbot of *Baldern*, and they found that *Miles de Sumery* was his Heir, and that the same *Miles* did quit claim to *Henry* Son of *Reiner*, all his Right and Claim which he had in that Advowson by the Deed made between them, and *Henry* had a Writ to the Bishop, &c. *Stephen Ewre* and *Joshua Lomax* sold the Rectory or Impropriation about the Year 1682, from the Mannor to *Thomas Laurende*, Vicar, the present Possessor of it: This Vicaridge Anno 26 *Henry VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 16*l.* 8*s.*

### The VICARS.

*John Elliot.*

*Thomas Launder.*

This Church is erected in the Deanery of *Berkhamsted* in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, and there are these following Inscriptions.

In Memory of *Edmond Anderson*, Son of *Sir Edmond Anderson* of this Parish, Bar. who married *Carr*, Daughter and Heir of *John Shaw* of *Lincolnshire* ——— the *Marble* is broke.

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Bacorum.*

*Edmundus Anderson, Armig. obiit 17. die Sept. 1685.*

*Hic jacet spe beata Resurrectionis corpora Gulielmi et Mariæ Anderson, ille primogenitus illa unica filia Edmundi et Margaretæ Anderson de Porters in Agro Hertford. Armig. qui prematuro fato vitam cum more commutarunt Gulielmus nondum peracto undecimo ætatis anno obiit 7. die Martii 1673 Maria vix septimanam in terris morata 23. Augusti 1664. Iterum in Cælum Rediit.*

*Eae quidæ opellæ evasim hœc Via longa vita brevis,  
Via quidem longa est Dicat mortale sed Audi  
Noctres preme Gradus, tum via brevis erat.*

Here lieth the Body of *William Cox* of *Porters*, who departed this Life at *Porters*, the 24th of *October* 1649. being the 42. year of his age.

Here lieth also the Body of *Mrs. Mary Jessop*, who was formerly the Wife of *Mr. William Cox*; she departed this Life at *Berkhamstead* 16. *Novemb.* 1660. being the 48th year of her age.

Here lieth the Body of *Mrs. Elizabeth Cox* their youngest Daughter, who departed this Life at *Porters* 1651. in the 5th. year of her age.

*Hic jacet Richardus Cole de Shenleyhall alias Salisbury in Com. Hertford. Armig. unacum Uxore ejus Dorothea filia ——— Scargil de Burywell in Com. Cantab. octogenar. uterque obierunt. Hic 27. Sept. 1653. Hæc 26. Febr. 1663. Filios habuerunt quinque; Filium unicam.*

Under this Marble Stone here lies  
A Jewel of rich prize;  
Whom Nature in the Worlds disdain,  
But shew'd, and then put up again.

Here lies *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Ralph Alway*, who died the 19th of *January* 1610: being of six years and upwards.

Here lies the Body of a zealous and religious Gentleman *Mr. Ralph Alway* of *Cannons*, who departed this Life the 22th day of *March* 1621. As also the Body of *Dorothy Alway*, who departed the ——— of ——— *An. Dom.* ——— they had issue Daughters, *Mary*, *Ann*, *Dorothy* and *Elizabeth*.

Here lies the Body of the Vertuous and Religious *Rebecca Palmer*, Relict of *Robert Palmer*, Minister, formerly Wife to *Robert Snow* her first Husband; she was the beloved Niece of *Sir Jeremy Snow*, and Dame *Rebecca* his Wife, and Daughter of *Richard* and *Mary Goulty*; she departed the 3d. of *January* 1694. anno *Ætat.* 28.

Here lieth the Body of *Robert Snow*, Gent. (Nephew of *Sir Jeremiah Snow*, Kt. and Bar.) Lord of this Mannor of *Shenley*, who died *October* the ——— 1684. aged 32. and also *Jeremy* and *Rebecca Snow* his Children, Twins.

## THEOBALD STREET

CALLED *Utteburst* in *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded, that

*In Utteburst ten. Abbas de Westmonaster. Sanct. Petri un. hid. Terra est dim. car. Silva xl porc. val. et valuit x sol. tempore Regis Edwardi xiii sol. iv denar.*

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 134.*

*In eadem Villa ten. Goisfridus de Magnavile tres virgat. de Abbate. Terra est dim. car. Silva xii porc. val. et valuit vi sol. et viii denar. tempore Regis Edwardi x sol.*

*In Utteburst ten. Goisfridus de Abbate St. Albani dim. hid. valet et valuit semper vi sol. Quidem Sockmannus ten. tempore Regis Edwardi, homo Abbatibus St. Albani non potuit vendere extra Ecclesiam.*

*Ibid. fol. 139.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

In *Banais Hund.* Golsfrid. de Maneville et Radus de ce ten. in *Uttcherst* iii virg. Terra est dim. cur. ibi un. Vill. et un. Bord. Siloa xii porc. valet et valet v sol. tempore Regis Edwardi x sol. hanc terram tenuerunt tres Soch. Duo eorum homines Asgari Stalri, et tertius, homo St. Albani non potuit vendere sed alii duo potuerunt.

In *Uttcherst* ten. Lovet de Golsfrido de Bech dim. hid. Terra est vi bobus, et ibi est unus Vill. Siloa xxiv porc. valet et valet semper v sol. hanc terram ten. quiden. Sochmannus homo Abbatis St. Albani et vendere potuit.

The Abbot of St. Peter, Westminster, held in *Uttcherst* one Hide. The arable is half a Carucate, Wood to feed forty Hogs; it is worth and was worth ten Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) thirteen Shillings and four Pence.

Golsfride de Magnaville held three Virgates of the Abbot in the same Vill. The arable is half a Carucate, Wood to feed twelve Hogs; it is worth and was worth six Shillings and eight Pence by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) ten Shillings.

Golsfride held of the Abbot of St. Albans half an Hide in *Uttcherst*, it is worth and always was worth six Shillings by the Year; a certain Sochman, a Man (under the Protection) of the Abbot of St. Albans held it in the time of King Edward (the Confessor,) he could not sell it from the Church.

Golsfride de Maneville and Ralph held of him three Virgates in *Uttcherst* in *Banais Hundred*. The arable is half a Carucate, there is a Villain and a Bordar, Wood to feed twelve Hogs; it is worth and was worth five Shillings by the Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) ten Shillings. Three Sochmen held this Land, two of them Men (under the Protection) of Asgari Stalri, and a third, a Man (under the Protection) of St. Albans, he could not sell, the other two might sell.

Lovet held half an Hide of Golsfride de Bech in *Uttcherst*. The arable is six Oxgangs, and there is one Villain, Wood to feed four and twenty Hogs; it is worth and always was worth five Shillings by the Year, a certain Sochman, a Man (under the Protection) of the Abbot of St. Albans held this Land and he might sell it.

*Matt. Paris de  
Vita Abbat.*

In the time of King Will. II. Hugh de Tittleberst gave all his Land in *Uttcherst* to the Church of St. Albans, and William the Son of Racon in the Reign of King H. I. gave 431 Acres of Land in *Uttcherst* to the same Church.

*Pas. 15 Ed. I.  
Rot. 45, cur.  
recept. Scac.*

Thomas de Wanz, in *Pas. Anno 15 Edw. I.* gave by Deed to Ade de Stratton, Clerk, the yearly Rent of 6s. 8d. which Walter de Blund and his Ancestors were wont to pay to the same Thomas for William Noel and his Ancestors, for one Virgate of Land which Walter held of William in *Uttcherst*, and also granted to Ade the Homage of the said William, &c. to hold to him and his Heirs.

### LEVESDEN

IS an Hamlet charged by itself to the King's Taxes, and is Parcel of this Hundred, though Part of the Parish and Mannor of *Wattford*, most of which lies in the Hundred of *Catshot*, where I have treated of it.

### BUSHEY.

*Norden, p. 14.*

THIS Vill was aptly called by this Name *de Dumis* from the Bushes and Woods which heretofore did abound in this Place, and was one of the Mannors which William the Con-







queror gave to *Jeoffery de Magnavile*, a valiant *Norman*, who assisted him in the Conquest of this Kingdom; for it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

*Goisfridus de Mandevile in Banais Hundred. tenuit Bisset pro quindecim hidis se defendebat. Terra est decem car. in dominio quinq; hidæ ibi sunt duo car. et tertia potest fieri; ibi decem Vill. cum uno Francig. et octo Bord. habentibus quinq; car. et sexta potest fieri. ibi duo molin. de octo solidis pastura ad pecud. Silva mille porc. in totis valentiis valet et valuit decem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi, quindecim lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Leuvinus Teignus Regis Edwardi. ibi est unus Sochmanus qui non fuit ibi tempore Regis Edwardi, unam hidam habet; homo Regina Eddid fuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et vendere potuit.*

*Jeoffery de Mandevile* held *Bushey* in *Banais Hundred*, it was rated for fifteen Hides. The arable is ten Carucates, in Demeasne five Hides, and there are two Carucates, and a third may be made, there are ten Villains with one Frenchman born, and eight Bordars, having five Carucates, and a sixth may be made; there are two Mills of eight Shillings Rent by the Year, Common of Pasture for Cattle, Wood to feed a thousand Hogs: In the whole Value it is worth and was worth ten Pounds by the Year, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) fifteen Pounds. *Leutne* a Thane of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Mannor: There is one Sochman who was not there in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) he had one Hide; he was a Man (under the Protection) of Queen *Edditha* in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) and he might sell it.

But in the time of King *H. III.* this Mannor was in the Possession of *David de Jarpenvil*, who claimed by a Grant of *H. III. Anno 3 Edw. I* to have View of Franc-pledge, and a Park and Free-warren in this Vill, and a Fair on the Vigils, Day, and Morrow of *St. James* every Year, and one Market on Thursday in every Week, and Warren in his Demeasne Lands, and upon the View of this Grant, all these Privileges were allowed; but shortly after it came to the Crown; and King *Edw. III.* by several Charters dated the 26th and 27th of *February, Anno 1 Regni sui*, granted unto *Edmond of Woodstock*, this Mannor of *Bushey* in this County, and to the Heirs of his Body.

This *Edmond* was his third Brother by *Margaret* the second Wife of *Edw. II.* and was created Earl of *Kent*, *An. 15* of the same King. He was in that Expedition made *1 Edw. III.* into *Scotland*. But was attained 4th of the same King, because he desired his Brother King *Edw. II.* should have been restored; and at the time of his Execution he staid till Evening, because an Executioner could not be gotten, until a Ribauld out of the *Marshalsey*, (to save his own Life) beheaded him upon Monday the Eve of *St. Cuthbert*, 4 *Edw. III.* And by Reason of his Attainder this Mannor came to the Possession of the King, who in the same Year granted it to

*Bartholomew de Burghersh* for the Term of his Life, in Recompence of his Services. He went upon several Expeditions into *Frantz*, was there when the famous Battle of *Cressy* was fought, where the *English* had so great a Victory; and for his good Service in those Wars, obtained in

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. I. Rot. 54,  
cur. recept.  
in Scac.*

*Rot. Scot. 1  
Ed. III. m. 6.*

*Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, fol. 93.  
Claus. 4 Ed.  
III. m. 36.  
Rot. Fin. 4 E.  
III. m. 22.  
Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, fol. 34.*

*Rot. Franc. 19  
Ed. III. m. 5.  
30 Ed. III. p.  
1.*

*Hund. of  
Baronum.*

Pat. 21 Ed.  
III. p. 2. m. 5.  
Pat. 29 Ed.  
III. p. 3. m. 22.  
Esc. 29 Ed.  
III.  
Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, fol. 35.  
Rot. Fin. 30  
Ed. III. m. 15.

the Year following a Grant from the King of the Marriage of *Isabel*, one of the Sisters and Heirs of *Edward de Saint John*, Son and Heir of *Hugh de St. John*, deceased. He was made Constable of the *Tower of London*, 29 *Edw. III.* and having been summon'd to Parliament from 1 *Edw. III.* till 28 inclusive, departed this Life before the End of that Year, upon Sunday next after the Feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*. In 30 *Edw. III.* this Mannor came to the Possession of

Claus de iud.  
Annis indorso

Rot. Franc. 34  
Ed. III. m. 5.  
Claus. 35 Ed.  
III. m. 34.

*Thomas Holland* Earl of *Kent*, in Right of *Joan* his Wife, who was Daughter and Heir of *Edmond of Woodstock*, Earl of *Kent*, and he had Summons to Parliament from 27 *Edw. III.* to 31 *Edw. III.* inclusive. He assumed the Title of Earl of *Kent*, Anno 34 *Edw. III.* And he was constituted the King's Lieutenant and Captain General in *France* and *Normandy*, the same Year; but he died upon the 28th of *December* following, seized then of divers Mannors, among which this was one, and he left Issue

*Thomas* Earl of *Kent*, who was his Son and Heir; but this Mannor came to

*Joan* his Mother, who married *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, and held it for her Life, and after her Decease, which happened on *Monday* next after the Feast of *St. Lawrence*, being the 7th of *Aug.* in the same Year,

Esc. 20 R. II.  
n. 30.

Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, fol. 76.

*Thomas* Earl of *Kent* doing his Homage obtained a special Livery hereof, and also of *Warr* in this County, among divers Mannors in other Counties. He declared upon *Easter-day*, Anno 20 *Rich. II.* his Testament by the Title of Earl of *Kent*, and Lord of *Warr*, whereby he appointed his Body to be buried in the Abby of *Brunel*: He bequeathed to *Alice* his Wife, the Daughter of *Richard* Earl of *Strun-*  
*del*, and to *Thomas* his Son, all his Goods and Chattels, and died the 25th of *April* next ensuing, seized, among other Lordships, of this Mannor and of *Warr*, in this County, leaving *Thomas* his Son and Heir, twenty three Years of Age, and he had also *Edmund* another Son, and five Daughters, *Alianore*, *Joane*, *Margaret*, another *Alianore*, and *Elizabeth*: And this

*Thomas* shortly after doing Homage, had Livery of his Lands, from whom this Mannor passed, by the same Persons as the Mannor of *Warr* did, (to which Parish I refer the Reader) until it came to

Ibid. vol. 2,  
fol. 292.

*Margaret*, the Wife of Sir *Richard Poole*, Knight, and Daughter to *George* Duke of *Clarence*, by whom she had Issue four Sons, *Henry*, *Geoffery*, *Arthur*, *Reginald*, and one Daughter called *Ursula*, married to *Henry* Lord *Stafford*: But 'twas her hard Fate to be attainted of Treason, Anno 31 *H. VIII.* under Colour of Compliance with the Marquess of *Exeter*, (then also attainted) and was executed

on the 27th. of *May*, 1541, 33 H. VIII. at which time she was seized of this Mannor, which was then valued at 25*l*. 12*s*. 10*d*. and by this Attainder it came to the Crown, and King H. VIII. by Letters Patents dated in the Year 35 *Regni sui*, granted the Mannor-house and most Part of the Demeasne Lands belonging to it, to

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

*William Alexander* alias *Milward*, and his Heirs, also a Lease for Years of the Mannor, Rents, Services and Copi-holders, which said Demeasne Lands were afterwards sold to divers Persons. But Queen *Mary* by her Letters Patents dated at *Cupplford*, 22 June, 1 *Regni sui*, granted this Mannor to

Sir *Thomas Hastings*, Knight, and the Lady *Winifred* his Wife, one of the Couzins and Heirs of the said Dame *Margaret*, Countess of *Salisbury*, viz. one of the Daughters of *Henry* Lord *Montague*, eldest Son of the said *Margaret* Countess of *Salisbury*, and to the Heirs of the Body of the said *Winifride*, with divers Remainders over: and soon after the said Sir *Thomas Hastings* dying, the said *Winifride* married Sir *Thomas Barrington* of *Hatfield Broad Oak* alias *King's Hatfield* in the County of *Essex*, to whom Queen *Elizabeth* by her Letters Patents dated at *Westminster*, 22 November, Anno *Regni sui* Octavo, granted the Reversion of the said Mannor, &c. to hold to him and his Heirs as heretofore they were holden before the Attainder of the said Countess of *Salisbury*. This Sir *Thomas Barrington* and Dame *Winifride Hastings* his Wife, on 25th Nov. 8 *Eliz.* levied a Fine and suffered a Recovery of this Mannor to the Use of *Andrew Jenour*, Esq. of *Much Donmow* in the County of *Essex*, and his Heirs, who conveyed it by Deed dated 28 April, 15 *Eliz.* to

*Robert Blackwell* of *Bushy*, Gent. and his Heirs: He had Issue by *Joan* his Wife, three Sons, *George*, *Robert* and *Richard*, and by his Will dated the 4th Day of April, Anno 1580, gave this Mannor (*inter alia*) to *Joan* his Wife for her Life, the Remainder to *Robert* his second Son, of *Gray's Inn* in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. and the Heirs of his Bodylawfully begotten, and the greatest Part of his Land holden in Socage to

*George*, his eldest Son, and the Heirs Males of his Body lawfully begotten, paying yearly four Pence to the Mannor of *Bushy*, on Condition that if he the said *George* do not molest or trouble any other of his Sons, but if he do, then he that is so troubled shall have the said Lands held in Socage bequeathed as aforesaid to the said *George*: He gave to *Richard* his third Son other Lands in *Bushy*, to good Value holden in Socage, and by Copy of Court Roll. After whose Death *George* his eldest Son exasperated against *Robert* his younger Brother, for that his Father had given

*Head. of  
Baronum.*

this Mannor, and made him Tenant to him, took Advantage of the Statute which enacts, That a third Part of Lands holden by Knight's Service shall descend to the Heir notwithstanding any Devise; and not regarding the Condition annexed to the Lands given to him, entred on the third Part of the said Mannor in the Life-time of *Joan* his Mother; whereupon *Robert Blackwell* the second Son entred upon the Lands bequeathed to the said *George*, and divers Suits in Law and Equity were commenced between them; upon all which the two Brothers at length submitted themselves to the Award of *Francis Heydon* and *Robert Wilbraham*, Esquires, and *George Boucher*, Gent. who awarded that the said *Robert Blackwell* should pay a certain Sum of Money to the said *George Blackwell* his elder Brother, in Consideration whereof he should convey the said third Part of the said Mannor to the said *Rob. Blackwell*, and his Heirs Males: but before the Conveyances were perfected, *George* the elder Brother, still envying his younger Brother, about the 26th of *February*, 1583, sold this third Part to *Charles Morison* of *Catshobury* in this County, Esq. who joyned with the said *Robert Blackwell*, Esq. Owner of the other two Parts of this Mannor, and in *Hillary Term*, 15 *Jac. I.* conveyed by Fine to the King, all his Estate in this Mannor: Then King *James I.* by Letters Patents dated at *Westminster*, 21st of *May*, Anno 16 *Ragni sui*, granted the Mannor of *Bushp*, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Demesne Lands, Court-leets, Views of Franc-pledge, Law-daies, Assizes and Assay of Bread, Wine, and Ale, and all Manner of other Victuals whatsoever, Goods and Chattels, Debts and Credits of Felons and Fugitives, Felons of themselves, attainted, convicted, condemned, and outlaw'd, and the Goods and Chattels, Credits and Debts of all such and every of them which will not stand to Judgment, Fines and Amercements of the Men, and Tenements, Chattels, Waifs, Estraises, Treasure-trove, Deodands, Free-warren, and all things that belong to Free-warren, hawking and hunting, Foldage, Turbage, Commons, Ways, Wast-grounds, and all other Rights, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Liberties, Priviledges, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Emoluments, and Hereditaments whatsoever, and the Right of Advowson to the Church of *Bushp*, with the Appurtenances to *Ellis Wynne* and *Francis King* and their Heirs, in as large a Manner as they were formerly granted to the Duke of *Lancaster*, and as fully as the Countess of *Salisbury* held the same, and the said Trustees conveyed this Mannor to the several Persons again, according to their several Interests as aforesaid. Afterwards Sir *Charles Morison*, Kt. and Bart. died seized of this third Part of this Mannor, leaving Issue

*Elizabeth*, who married *Arthur Capel*, Esq. in whose Right he held this Mannor, from whom it descended to

*Arthur*, late Earl of *Essex*, who was the Son and Heir of the said *Arthur Lord Capel*, and the said Lady *Elizabeth* his Wife, and upon the Death of the said Earl, it descended to *Algernon* Earl of *Essex*, who is the present Lord hereof.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

*Robert Blackwel*, Esq. by Deed dated 14th of *April*, 1638, conveyed the two other Parts to the Use of himself and *Eleanor* his Wife, who was the Daughter of *John Kitchen* of *Graves Inn*, Esq. for their Lives, the Remainder to *Richard Blackwel*, who was the only Son of *Robert Blackwel*, Esq. the eldest Son of the said *Robert* the elder, and one of the three chief Clerks of the Pettibagg in *Chancery*, and of *Mary* his Wife, Daughter of *Francis Heyton* of *East Grentwich* in the County of *Kent*, Esq. and the Heirs of the Body of the same *Richard*, and for Want of such Issue to *Thomas Blackwell*, Gent. second Son of the said *Robert* and his Heirs; *Robert* the Father died on the 14th of *May*, 1630. *Robert* the Grandfather survived him, and by his Will confirmed the former Settlement, and died the third of *April*, 1645.

*Richard Blackwel* the Grandson succeeded, to whom the said two Parts descended by Virtue of the said Settlement, and married *Winifride* the Daughter of *John White* of the *Middle Temple*, *London*, Esq. and had Issue by her three Sons, *Robert* who died in his Infancy, *Robert* and *Richard*, and two Daughters, *Winifrid* and *Mary*; the second *Robert* died also: And *Richard* the Father died seiz'd hereof on the 6th Day of *April*, 1655, leaving

*Richard* who was his Heir, and married *Susan* the Daughter of *Charles Evans* of *Witch-hill* in the County of *Berks*, Gent. and died in the Year 1677, without Issue, upon whose Death the said two Parts by Virtue of the said Deed of In-tail came to

*Susan* and *Anne*, Daughters of *Thomas Blackwel* (Brother to the aforesaid *Robert*) by *Susanna* his Wife, Daughter of *Stephen Sedgewick* of *Buckney* in the County of *Middlesex*.

*Susan* married *William Parkins* of *Marston* *Tadbt* in the County of *Warwick*, Esq. who was one of the six Clerks in *Chancery*, on whom King *Charles II.* conferred the Honour of Knighthood the 10th Day of *June*, 1681, and in her Right he became possess of one Moyety of the said two Parts of this Mannor; and *Anne* the other Sister married *Rowland Pitt*, Gent. in whose Right he became possess of the other Moyety of these two Parts of this Mannor, and the said *Rowland* and *Anne* his Wife, An. 1684, sold their Moiety of these two Parts to

Hund. of  
Barnum.

Sir *William Parkyns*, by Reason whereof he became possessor of the whole two third Parts of this Mannor, and sued out a Writ of Partition at Common Law, Anno 1686, and by Virtue thereof his two Parts of this Mannor were divided from the other third Part which belonged to the Earl of *Essex*; but this Sir *William Parkyns* and *Susan* his Wife mortgaged her third Part to ——— *Parkyns*, Gent. who was Uncle to the said Sir *William*, and the other third Part which Sir *William* bought of *Rowland Pitt* and *Anne* his Wife, Sir *William* mortgaged to *Richard Parkyns* of *Drayton* in the *Mould*, Gent. after which Sir *William* was attainted of High Treason Anno 1696, for attempting to assassinate King *William*, and to raise Men to assist the late King *James* in the Recovery of the Crown, and upon that Attainder he was executed, and both the Mortgagers to secure their Mony, got into Possession of these two third Parts of this Mannor, and are the present Lords of them.

#### The Mannor of BOURNE HALL

Mich. 10 Ed.  
II. Rot. 115,  
cur. recept.  
Scac.

10 Ed. II.

Holl. Chron.  
fol. 502, n. 30.  
Rot. Franc.  
7 H. V. m. 4.  
Pat. Norm. 9  
H. V. p. 1,  
m. 2.

Rot. Fin. 5 H.  
VI. m. 4.  
Claus. de iud.  
aa. in dorso.

Esc. 29 H. VI.  
21.

Pat. 36 H. VI.  
p. 2, m. 22.

Rot. Franc. 3  
Ed. IV. m. 12.  
Claus. de iud.  
aa. in dorso.

WAS in the Possession of Sir *Thomas Barnard*, Kt. An. 10 Edw. II. and in *Michaelmas* Term released all his Right herein to *John de Wengrave* Citizen of *London*, and *Christian* his Wife, and *John* their Son, and the Heirs of the said *John*; and in *Hill*. 10 Edw. II. *Edward de Chibere* released also all his Right in the same Mannor to the said *Christian* and *John* her Son.

*Reginald de West* was seiz'd of this Mannor in the time of *H. V.* he was made Governour of *St. Lo*, An. 4 *H. V.* Captain of the Castle de la *Mort* in *Normandy*, 7 *H. V.* serv'd again in the French Wars, An. 9 *H. V.* and upon the Death of *Thomas* Lord *la Ware* had Livery of the Lands of his Mother's Inheritance, who was Heir to the said *Thomas*. He was summon'd to Parliament by the Title of Lord *la Ware* from 5 *H. VI.* to 28th of the same King inclusive, during which time I find his Name return'd Anno 12 *H. VI.* among the Gentlemen in this County that could dispend 10*l.* per Annum, which induces me to believe that this was the Place of his Residence, and he dyed seiz'd of this and *Portsmouth* in this County, among divers other Mannors, on the 27th of August, 29 of *H. VI.* leaving

*Richard de West* his Son and Heir, a stout Assertor of the Lancastrian Interest: and in Consideration of his good Services, King *H. VI.* granted him forty Pounds per Annum, issuing out of the Profits of the Mannor of *Old Sutton* in the County of *Wilt.* for his Life, but the Scene changing soon after, and taking no Pleasure to live under the Government of those whom he had so vigorously opposed, obtained Leave Anno 3 Edw. IV. to take with him, twelve Servants, and as many Horse, not exceeding the

Value of forty Shillings a piece, and to continue beyond the Seas; he was summon'd to Parliament from 38 *H. VI.* to the 12 of *Edw. IV.* inclusive, and died upon the 10th of *March*, 16 *Edw. IV.* seiz'd of this Mannor of *Hertesborn*, and several others.

*Thomas de West* was his Son and Heir, and though he was no more than nineteen Years of Age at the Death of his Father, yet obtained a special Livery of his Lands upon the first of *September* following; he stood in such Favour with King *H. VII.* that he obtained a Grant in the first Year of his Reign, of the Castle, Barony, Honor, and Borough of *Brembre* in *Sussex*, the Mannors of *King's Wernes*, *West Crinsted*, *Knap*, and *Washington*, the Towns and Borough of *Schorham* and *Worsham*, the Forest of *St. Leonard*, the Parks of *Deanbush* and *Knap*, and six or seven Hundreds which came to the Crown by the Attainder of *John Duke of Norfolk*, slain at *Bosworth Field*; he was a great Commander in the Army, sent the 7 *H. VII.* into *Flanders*, in Aid of *Maximilian* the Emperor, and commanded the Forces raised 12 *H. VII.* to suppress the Insurrection of the Cornish Men, and he died about 12th of *Feb.* 17 *H. VIII.* leaving four Sons *Thomas*, *Owen*, *George*, and *Leonard*; and three Daughters, ——— Wife of *Sir Anthony S. Anaud*, Kt. *Katharine*, and *Barbara*.

*Thomas* succeeded, and joyned with the Peers, 22 *H. VIII.* in the Declaration sent to Pope *Clement VII.* advertizing him that his Supremacy would be rejected, if he did not comply with *H. VIII.* in the Divorce of Queen *Katharine*; this Lord having no Issue of his Body, bred up *William* his Brother's Son, in the House, with an Intent to make him his Heir; but he impatient to wait his Uncle's Death, prepared Poison to dispatch him quickly, and the Discovery so highly incensed the good old Lord, that upon Complaint made thereof in Parliament, Anno 2 *Edw. VI.* he procur'd a special Act to attaint him, and disable him to hold his Lands or Honours, and departed this Life at *Osington*, on Tuesday, the 9th of *Oct.* 1554, 1 & 2 *P. and M.*

*William* succeeded, because he was his next Heir, bere the Title of Lord *la Ware*, served in the English Army 4 *Mary*, at the Siege of *St. Quintius* in *Picardy*, and obtained an Act in the Parliament held 5 *Eliz.* for his Restoration in Blood, and a new Creation to the Title of Lord *la Ware*; he married *Elizabeth* Daughter to *Thomas Strange* of *Ches-terton*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, and dyed in the Year, 1595, 38 *Eliz.*

*Thomas* was his Heir, inherited his Honor and Estate, exhibited his Petition to the Queen in Parliament held 39 *Eliz.* to be restored to the Place and Precedency of his Ancestors, obtained his Desire, and married *Anne* Daughter

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*  
Rec. 16 E. IV.  
p. 2, m. 6.

Pat. 16 E. IV.  
p. 2, m. 6.

Pat. 1 H. VII.  
p. 4.

Polyd Virgil,  
p. 364, n. 30.

Ibid p. 600,  
n. 30.

n. 1, in Offic.  
Arm. fol. 35.

Holl. fol. 133.  
Rot. Parl. de  
eodem anno.

Journ. of  
Parl. de eo-  
dem anno.



*Hand. of  
Bucerum.*  
MSS. in Offic.  
Arm.

of Sir *Frances Knolles*, Knight of the Garter, and Treasurer of the House to Queen *Elizabeth*, by whom he had Issue two Sons, *Robert* and *Thomas*, and six Daughters, *Lucie* married to *Henry Ludlow*, Esq. *Katharine* who died unmarried, *Elianor* married to *William Savage*, *Anne* to *John*, Son and Heir to Sir *Bryan Pellet*, Kt. *Penelope*, and *Elizabeth*.

*Robert* was the eldest Son, married *Elizabeth* one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir *Henry Cock*, Kt. but died in the Life-time of his Father without Issue.

The next Lord that I meet with, was an *Hickman*, and from one of that Name it was sold to

*James Mayne* of *Bobbingdon*, Esq. of whose Family I intend to treat in the Vill of *Bobbingdon*, where he lived, to which I refer the Reader; he had Issue one Son, who died in his Minority, and two Daughters who were his Coheirs, whereof

*Sarah* his youngest Daughter married Sir *William Glascock*, Knight one of the Masters of the Requests to King *Charles II.* to whom this Mannor and the Lands belonging to it, came in Right of his Wife, as Part of her Share, which descended to her from her Father, and he and she sold it to

*George Hadley* of *East Bernet* in this County, Esq. the present Lord hereof.

In this Vill Sir *George Walker*, Kt. Dr. of the Civil Law, erected a fair House upon the River *Colne*, and dying seized hereof, it came to *George*, who was created Bart. by Patent dated the 28th Day of *January*, An. 1679, 31 Car. II. and afterwards he sold this Seat to *Robert Marsham*, Esq. one of the six Clerks in *Chancery*, who was the 2d Son of Sir *John Marsham* of *Cuxton* in *Kent*, created Baronet by Patent dated 12 Aug. 1663. This *Robert* was knighted on the — Day of *July*, Anno 1681, upon the Death of Sir *John Marsham* his eldest Brother, and his Son, their Honour descended to him, he is the present Possessor hereof.

THIS Rectory was rated Anno 26 *Henry VIII.* in the King's Books at 18l. 2s. and Mr. *Smith* is Patron hereof.

#### THE RECTORS.

Dr. *Seaton*  
Mr. *Ward*

Mr. *Smith*  
1694 Mr. *Smith*.

This Church is erected in the Middle of this Vill, in the Deanery of *St. Albans* in the Diocess of *London*, is cover'd with Tile, and at the West End thereof is a square Tower wherein are three tunable Bells. Within the Chancel lye several Gravestones, which have these Inscriptions.

M. S.  
Silius Titus Armig.  
Unacum Constanca  
Conjuge sua  
II. S. E.

*Illa vicesimo quarto Novembris 1667.*

*Illa vicesimo secundo Octobris 1667.*

*Animam Deo reddidit*

*Requiescant in pace.*

*Stephanus tertius Filius eorum*

*Tertius nuper Castri quod*

*Dolus est in agro Cantians*

*Pro Defectus in eodem tumulo*

*Cum parentibus servitus est*

*Obiit Mar. 30. 1671.*

*Hund. of  
Barorum.*



Here in hope of happy Resurrection through Christ, lies the Body of *John Gale*, Esq; who was Father to *Mary Gale* by his second Wife *Jane*, and Sister to Mrs. *Elizabeth Terry*, both which are here interr'd next unto him: He lived to the age of 70. years, and peaceably departed this life, Jan. 5. 1655.

*The next Stone has this Inscription cut in the Border thereof.*

Here lieth the Body of *Mary Gale*, Daughter and sole Heir of *John Gale*, Gent. and *Jane* his Wife, who departed this Life the 13th day of *May* 1642, aged 5 years.

Under this Stone lieth the Body of *Elizabeth Terry*, Widow, late Wife of *John Terry* of London, Esq; aged 85 years, who departed this life the 7th day of *Feb.* in the year of our Lord God 1654.

*On the same Stone.*

Here lies the Body of Mrs. *Mary*, Grandchild of the said *Elizabeth*, Wife of *George Blackwell* of this Parish, Gent. she died the 15th of *January* 1665. aged 24.

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Hobson* of the Inner Temple, London. Esq; the Kings Clerk of the Office of the Pettibag in his Majesties high Court of Chancery: He was eldest Son to *Thomas Hobson* of this Parish, Gent. and was born in this Parish, and died the 30th of *August* 1679, at his House call'd *Blatford Place* in the Parish of *Blatford* in the County of *Hertford*, aged 49 years.

*Mors mihi Lucrum.*

He married *Elizabeth* the only Daughter of *John Comyn*, alias *Chilcot* of London, Merchant, by whom he had one Son, who died before he was a year old, and was buried in this Church. *Pulvis et cinis fumus.*

Here lieth the Body of *Richard Ward*, 37 years Rector of this Parish, a constant Preacher, and a constant Practicer of what he preach'd, Learned, Charitable, Peaceable, Pious, a Contemner of this World because he knew it and expected a better; Thou who dost read this imitate.

*Obiit Julii 25. 1684.*

*Ætat. suæ 82.*

Here lyeth interr'd the Body of *Richard Blackwel*, Esq; the Son of *Robert Blackwel*, who deceased *Apr.* the 6th. 1649. leaving behind him three Children, one Son and two Daughters.

This Tomb his Body,

This Stone his name;

Heaven doth his Soul in endless bliss retain.

Round this Stone on a Bordar.

*Subsit, Resurrectionis jacet hic Robertus Blackman, Armig. nuper unus Clericorum parva Bagæ Curia Cancellarius qui obiit decimo quarto die Maii, Anno. Dom. 1630.*



*Head of  
Bacorum.*

*Hic jacet Depositum Thomæ Hobson natalibus probi Martinghami in Agro Dunelmensi, qui scribatum in Officio Parva-Baga 32 annos cum laude gessit et ope letæ Resurrectionis anno Salutis 1661. Ætat. 59. 6. Jan. obdormivit, qui dum vixit fuit pietate insignis amicis, charius omnibus sincerius re mediocri cumulatus pauperibus bonus, moribus casta, beatus Uxore nomine Barbara, Roberti Blakewell de Busby, Armig. filia ex qua suscepit liberos novem quatuor Fæminas et quinque Mares quorum unus cui Robertus erat nomen in Curia Banci Regis Clericus, quo Officia honeste fangebatur, et anno Dom. 1661. Ætat. 28. 8. Jan. hanc vitam cum immortalitate mutavit.*

*On the verge of the next Stone.*

Here lieth the Body of Robert Blakewell, Son of Richard Blakewell, Gent. who died the 11th of Decemb. 1643.

*In the Middle of the Stone.*

Here's two in one, and yet not two but one,  
Two Sons, one Tomb; two heirs one name alone.

*In the entrance to the Church.*

*Sub spe orta Resurrectionis.*

*In Christo requiescunt hic corpora Thomæ Blakewell et Roberti filii sui, et Johanne Uxoris dicti Roberti; idem Thomas obiit Mense Octobris 1541. dictus Robertus obiit Mense Aprilis 1580. et predicta Johanna obiit Mense Decembris 1607. Georgio, Roberto et Rich. Filiis dictorum Roberti et Johanne extunc vivem.*

*Orimur.*

*Morimur.*

*In the Church-yard a Tomb.*

*Johannis Fwre indolis optima  
Juvenis Monumentum hoc  
Masti parentes  
Pie.*

Stay Passenger and lend a Tear,  
Youth and Vertue both resteth here,  
He that lives and rests, how mild, how good,  
How toward he was, how much he understood;  
All but sixteen may think that Fate did wrong  
To trust such Vertue in a Mind so young,  
Or else that finding so much goodness there,  
She thought Time old, mistook and tomb'd him here.

Deceased Octob. the 2d. 1624.

*The CHARITY.*

John Gale gave by his Will to twenty Widows, twenty Pecks of Pease, twenty Fishes, and twenty great Loaves, and if there were not so many Widows, then the poorest in this Parish.

And now I shall conclude the Division of this High Constable, and proceed to the next, which contains the Vills and Parishes of Kings Langley, Hemel Hempsted, Bobbingdon, Flaunden, Little Gadesden, Frithsden, Great Gadesden, Stubbham, Kensworth, Cadington, and Flamsted, and I shall pass from one to the other after this Order.

*The second Part of the fifth Division.*

## KINGS LANGLEY.

WHEN King William the Conqueror had subdued this Realm, he gratified Earl Moreton a valiant Norman with

divers large Possessions for his great Services, among which was this Vill, as it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Comitis Moretoniensis*.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

*Radulphus tenet Langlei de Comite pro una hida et dimid. se defendebat. Terra est sexdecem car. in Dom. nulla est, sed duo possunt fieri ibi unus Francig. cum quatuor Vill. et quinque Bord. habentibus duo car. et duodecem car. possunt fieri, ibi duo Molini de sexdecem sol. et duo Servi, pratum tres car. pastura ad pecud. Silva ducent porc. et quadragint. in totis valent. valet quadragint. sol. quando recepit quatuor lib. tempore Regis Edwardi octo lib. hoc Manerium tenuerunt duo homines Com. Louvini, Thari et Seric.*

Ralph held Langlep of Earl Moreton, it was rated for one Hide and an half. The arable is sixteen Carucates, in Demeasne there is none, but two may be made, there is one Frenchman born, with four Villains and five Bordars having two Carucates, and twelve Carucates may be made, there are two Mills of sixteen Shillings a Year Rent, and two Servants, Meadow three Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed two hundred and forty Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth forty Shillings by the Year, when he received it four Pounds, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) eight Pounds, Tharie and Seric two Men (under the Protection) of Earl Lewis held this Mannor.

This Earl married *Maud*, Daughter to *Roger de Montgomery*, by whom he had Issue

*William*, who raised a Rebellion against King *H. I.* upon which he forfeited this Mannor to the Crown, where King *H. III.* erected a royal Seat, from whence it received this Adjunct to its Name; and *Roger* the Son of *Robert Helle*, an English Baron, founded a religious House for preaching Fryars near his Pallace, consisting of a Prior and Convent; to which Fraternity, King *Edw. I.* gave by his Patent dated at this Pallace, 20 Dec. Anno 2 Regni sui, 1274, all that their House belonging to the Parish Church of the same Vill, forty one Pearches of Land, and also twenty seven Pearches of other Land, to hold in free and pure Almes; and the same King by his Letters Patents dated at Westminster, 3 July, Anno 8 Regni sui, 1280, gave the Mannor of Langlep, with the Close adjoyning the Priory, and the Vesture of the Wood called Chipperbille Wood, to the Prior and Convent and their Brethren, to hold in free and pure Almes, to have and take at their Pleasure for Fewel and other Necessaries for ever.

*Weav. Fun.  
Mon. p. 508.*

*Pat. 2 Ed. I.*

*Pat. 8 Ed. I.*

*Edmund* the fifth Son of King *Edw. III.* was born at this Mannor-house Anno 1344, 15 *Edw. III.* baptized by *Michael*, then Abbot of *St. Albans*, and took his Sirname from this Place, by Reason of his Birth: The King his Father granted Anno 1347, 21 *Edw. III.* to him in special Tail, all the Castles, Mannors, and Lands beyond Trent, which were formerly *John Warrens*, Earl of *Surry*, but in Regard of his Minority, Queen *Philippa* his Mother received the Profits of them for the Maintenance and Education of him and other her younger Children. The same King by Patent dated 13 Novemb. Anno 36 Regni sui, 1362, created him Earl of *Cambridge* whilst he was in Ireland. And for his

*Dugd. Bar. of  
Engl. vol. 2,  
fol 154.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*  
Pat. 9 R. II.

great Services and Merits, King R. II. advanced him to the Dignity and Title of Duke of York by Patent dated the 6th of August, 1386, 9 R. II. and the yearly Rent of 100*l.* out of the Profits of the County of York, 40*l.* per Annum out of the Customs of Wools, Skins, and Felts in Kingston upon Hull, 500*l.* per Annum out of the Port of London until 1000*l.* yearly in Lands and Rents should be settled upon him; and he was created by the Ceremony of the Cincture with a Sword, and putting a Cap on his Head with a Circle of Gold.

*Dugd. Bar.*  
vol. 2, fol. 156.

He married *Isabel*, the younger Daughter of *Don Pedro* King of *Castile*, by whom he had Issue *Edward* Earl of *Wutland*, *Richard* Earl of *Cambridge*, and *Constance* married to *Thomas Spencer*, Earl of *Gloucester*; this *Isabel*, by his Consent devised by her Will dated 9 Decemb. An. 1382, 6 R. II. that her Body should be buried wherever her Husband the King should appoint; ordaining that upon the Day of her Death an hundred Trentals and an hundred Sauters should be said for her Soul; likewise four Priests, or one at least, should sing for her, by the Space of four Years; moreover that upon the Day of her Burial, her best Horse should be delivered for her Mortuary: She also bequeathed to the King her Heart of Pearls, to the Duke of *Lancaster*, her Tablet of Jasper, which the King of *Armoie* gave her: To *Edward* Earl of *Wutland*, (her Son) her Crown to remain to his Heirs; to *Constance le Dispencer* (her Daughter) a Fret of Pearls; and to the Dutchess of *Gloucester*, her Tablet of Gold with Images, as also her Sauter with the Arms of *Northampton*; and to King *Richard* (after her other Legacies paid) all the Remainder of her Goods, with Trust that he should allow unto *Richard* her younger Son (his Godson) five hundred Marks per Annum for his Life: And 'tis said that this great Lady having been somewhat wanton in her younger Years, became an hearty Penitent, and departed this Life Anno 1394, 17 R. II. and was buried in this Church.

After her Decease this great Duke married *Joan* Daughter of *Thomas*, and Sister and Coheir to *Edmond Holland*, Earl of *Kent*, and when he drew near his Death, by his Will dated the 25th of November, An. 1400, 1 Hen. IV. wherein he stiles himself Duke of *York*, Earl of *Cambridge*, and Lord *Citedale*, bequeathed his Body to be buried in this Church near to the Grave of *Isabel* his first Wife, appointing that two Priests should be ordained by his Executors to perform Divine Service there every Day for his Soul, and the Souls of all his Kindred, departed this Life 1st of Aug. Anno 1403, 3 H. IV. and was buried here accordingly in this Church, where his Monument remains at this Day.

*Stow*, fol. 300.

Anno 1392, 15 R. II. King *Richard* with Queen *Anne*

his Wife, four Bishops, as many Earls, the Duke of ~~York~~, many Lords, and fifteen Ladies, held a royal Christmas at this Town.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

Holl. fol. 517.

When King *Richard II.* was barbarously murder'd in the Castle of ~~Pontefrat~~, by Sir *Piers Exton* and eight other Assassins, his Body was imbalm'd and seer'd, and covered with Lead, saving the Face, to the Intent that all that desired it might see him, that they might be assured that he was dead; and as the Corps was thence convey'd to ~~London~~, a Dirge was sung in the Evening, and Mass of *Requiem* in the Morning, in all the Towns and Places where the Corps did stay all Night, and as well after the one Service as the other, his Face was shew'd to all that coveted to see it; from the *Tower* it was conveyed thro' the City to the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul*, with the Face open, where it lay three Days together that all Men might behold it, and there was a solemn Obsequie performed for him, first at *Pauls*, and afterwards at ~~Westminster~~, where the King and the Citizens of ~~London~~ were present: From thence the Corps was conveyed hither, and buried here in the Church of the Fryars Preachers, where the Bishop of ~~Ches~~ter and the Abbots of *St. Albans* and ~~Waltham~~ celebrated the Exequies for the Funeral; but none of the Nobles nor other Persons of Quality were present there. Afterwards King *H.V.* removed the Body from hence to ~~Westminster~~, where it was honourably intombed by Queen *Ann* his Wife.

King *Edw. IV.* by his Letters Patents dated at ~~Westminster~~, the 14th of *July*, Anno 1466, 6 *Regni sui*, gave to *Thomas Betts*, Prior of the Priory of *Langley*, and his Successors for ever, a certain Park called ~~Homeparke~~, the Fryars Wood, with the same Park, a Wood called *Chipperbille* Wood, one Meadow called ~~Fryars Meadow~~, and the Toll of the Grain at the King's Mill, to hold in pure and perpetual Alms.

Cart. 6 E. IV.

King *H.VII.* by his Letters Patents dated Anno 1505, 20 *Regni sui*, gave all the Mannor and Park of *Kings Langley*, with the Appurtenances, to Queen *Katharine* his Consort, for the Term of her natural Life.

Cart. 20 H. VII.

King *H.VIII.* by Letters Patents dated Anno 1534, 25 *Regni sui*, granted to Queen *Anne* his Consort this Mannor of *Langley*, with the Park and all the Appurtenances, for the Term of her Life.

Pat. 25 H. VIII.

The Prior and Convent of the Priory of *Langley*, Anno 1538, 30 *H.VIII.* surrendered all their Mannors, Lands, and Tenements belonging to their Priory into the Hands of the King, which was then valued at 127l. 14s. 4d. but Anno 26 *H.VIII.* Sir *William Dugdale* says, in his Catalogue of Monasteries, it was then valued at no more than 122l. 4s.

Cart. penes  
Hen. Smith.

*Hand. of  
Becorum.*

*Pat. 3 & 4 P.  
and M.*

King *Philip* and Queen *Mary* by their Letters Patents dated the 25th Day of *June*, Anno 1557, 3 & 4 *Regni suo-*  
*rum*, gave and restored to this Priory all the Houses and  
Scite of this Priory with the Appurtenances; but An. 1559,  
1 *Eliz.* this Priory with the Appurtenances reverted again  
to the Crown.

*Curt. 42 Eliz.*

Queen *Elizabeth* by Letters Patents dated the 27th of  
*June*, Anno 1600, 42 *Regni sui*, gave to the Bishop of *Elg*,  
all that the Rectory of *Kings Langley* with the Rights,  
Members, and Appurtenances, Lands, Meadows, Pastures,  
and all the Tith of Grain, Corn, and Hay arising in the  
Vills and Fields of *Langley*, which was Parcel of the Es-  
tate of the late Priory, and valued at 40*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* per Ann.

*Curt. 4 Jac. I.*

King *James I.* by his Letters Patents dated at *West-*  
*minster*, 22d *December*, Anna 1606, 4 *Regni sui*, gave to  
*Edward Newport* and *John Compton* their Heirs and As-  
signs, upon the Petition of *William Razon Mounteagle*, all  
that the Scite of the late House or Priory of the Fryars of  
*Kings Langley*, and all other the Houses belonging to the  
same, also all that their Orchard and Dove-house, and other  
Buildings whatsoever, within the Circuit and Precinct of  
the same House, containing seven Acres, late in the Tenure  
and Occupation of *Thomas Ecce* and *Thomas Edlin* re-  
serving to the King, his Heirs, and Successors, the yearly  
Rent of twenty Pence.

Which *Edward Newport* and *John Compton* granted the  
Scite of the late House or Priory of the Fryars to *Robert*  
*Dixon* and his Heirs, from whom it came to *Theodosia* his  
Daughter and Heir, who married Sir *Richard Braughin*,  
and after his Decease she sold the same to *Joseph Edmonds*,  
Esq. who conveyed it to *William Houlker*, Gent. he  
granted it to Sir *Richard Combes*, Kt. who held it a while,  
then reconveyed it to the said *William Houlker*, and his  
Heirs, who demolish'd the House and Buildings belonging  
to the same.

*Curt. 7 Jac. I.*

The same King by his Letters Patents dated at *West-*  
*minster*, the 19th of *May*, Anno 1609, 7 *Regni sui*, gave to  
*Edward Furras* and *Francis Phillips*, Gent. their Heirs  
and Assigns, all those his two Mills, with their Appur-  
tenances, in *Kings Langley*, with all Stock and Suit of the  
Mills, to hold in Fee-farm, reserving the yearly Rent of  
68*l.* and 4*d.*

*Curt. 8 Jac. I.*

The same King by his Letters Patents dated at *West-*  
*minster*, the 1st of *Sept.* Anno 1610, 8 *Regni sui*, granted  
his Lordship or Mannor, Park, and Chase of *Kings Lang-*  
*ley*, with the Appurtenances, to his most dear and eldest Son  
*Henry*, Prince of *Wales*, Duke of *Cornwall* and *York*, and  
Earl of *Chester*, who was a hopeful Prince, but dying  
without Issue, this Lordship reverted again to the Crown:

And King *James* by his Letters Patents dated at ~~West-~~  
minster, in the same Year, conveyed all this Lordship, Man-  
nor, Park, and Chase of ~~Kings~~ Langley, unto his most dear  
Son *Charles*, Prince of ~~Wales~~, Duke of ~~Cornwall~~ and  
~~Dorset~~, and Earl of ~~Chester~~.

*Hand. of  
Dacorum.*

King *Charles* I. by his Letters Patents dated at ~~West-~~  
minster, the 18th of *Dec. Anno* 1626, 2 *Regni sui*, gave and  
granted, and did Farm-let to Sir *Charles Morisin*, all his  
Park of ~~Kings~~ Langley, and all the Lands, Tenements,  
and Hereditaments, inclos'd and called by the Name of  
~~Kings~~ Langley Park, and all the Deer, Marsh, Grass,  
Wood, and all Trees whatsoever, with all and every their  
Appurtenances, to hold the same Premises for the Term of  
99 Years then next following, paying to the King 37*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Cart. 2 Car. I.

But afterwards, upon the Petition of Sir *Charles Morisin*,  
King *Charles* by his Letters Patents dated at ~~West-~~  
minster, the 28th Day of *Dec.* following, granted all the said  
Premises to Sir *Baptist Hicks*, his Heirs and Assigns for  
ever, to commence from and after the said Term of Years  
granted to Sir *Charles Morisin*, reserving to the King  
7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per Annum*.

Cart. 3 Car. I.

The same King by his Letters Patents dated at ~~West-~~  
minster, the 25th Day of *Sept. Anno* 1628, 4 *Regni sui*,  
gave to *Edward Pitchfield*, *John Highlord*, *Humphry  
Clarke*, and *Francis Moses*, their Heirs and Assigns, all  
that his Lordship or Mannor of ~~Kings~~ Langley, with the  
Rents of Assize, Free-warren, Fishings, Rights, Members,  
and Appurtenances, Court Leet and Court Baron, and all  
other Priviledges in as full and ample Manner as the King  
enjoy'd it.

Cart. 4 Car. I.

Sir *John Walter*, Sir *James Fullerton*, and Sir *Thomas Tre-*  
*ver*, by Indenture dated 19th of *July, Anno* 4 *Car. I.* granted  
to Sir *William Williams*, *Robert Mitchell*, *Walter Marks*,  
and *Robert Marsh*, and their Heirs, the Mannor and Lord-  
ship of ~~Kings~~ Langley aforesaid, with all and every their  
Appurtenances, for the Term of 99 Years; and afterwards  
the said Sir *William Williams*, and the other Trustees, by  
their Indenture dated the 20th of *Feb. Anno* 1630, 6 *Regni  
Car. I.* conveyed the same Mannor and Lordship of ~~Kings~~  
Langley to *Thomas Houlker* of *London*, Gent. and his  
Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Cart. 4 Car. I.

Cart. 6 Car. I.

Which *Thomas Houlker* had Issue *Thomas*, who sold the  
same to *Henry Smith*, Gent, the present Possessor hereof.

THE Rectory is appropriated to the perpetual Use of the Bishop of  
*Elg* and his Successors; and *Anno* 26 *Henry VIII.* this Vicaridge was  
valued in the King's Books at 8*l.* *per Annum*, of which the Bishops of *Elg*  
have been Patrons since the time of the Reformation; and *Benjamin La-*  
*ney*, late Bishop of that Diocess, granted to the Vicar of that Church and  
his Successors, an Augmentation of 36*l.* 10*s.* *per Annum* for their better  
Support and Livelihood.



*Hund. of  
Bacrum.*



*Names of the late VICARS of this Parish Church.*

1631 Mr. John Southen  
1635 Mr. Thomas Juice

1671 Mr. Edward Carter  
1688 Mr. Thomas Evans.

This Church is situated upon a side Hill not far from the River, in the Deanery of ~~Berkhamsted~~ in the Diocese of Lincoln. The Chancel is cover'd with Tyle, but the Church and Tower at the West End hereof is cover'd with Lead, and in the Tower hang four small Bells.

On the North Side of the Chancel there is a Monument raised about five Foot, with the Arms of France and England, with three Labels upon it, also the Arms of Peter, King of Castile and Leon, by which Coats it seems to be the Tomb where *Edmond de Langley*, the fifth Son of Edward III. and *Isabel* his Wife, one of the Daughters of *Don Pedro* King of Castile, was interr'd.

*On the South Side of the Chancel a Monument is erected in the Wall which has this Inscription.*

Underneath lieth interred the Body of the Honourable Sir *William Glascocke* of *Albany* in the County of *Essex*, Kt. Master of Requests, and Judge of the Admiralty in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, under King *Charles* the Second, Son of *William Glascock*, of *Albany* aforesaid, Esq; He married *Sarah* Daughter and Coheir to *James Mayne* of *Berkingdon* in the County of *Berford*, Esq; by whom he had issue *Sarah* his Daughter and only Heir, he departed this Life the 14th day of *July* 1688. *Ætatis sue* 73.

*Another Stone shews this Inscription.*

Here lieth interred the Body of *Elizabeth Cheyney*, late Wife of the Worshipful *Francis Cheyney*, Esq; who departed this life the 20th of *March*, an. Dom. 1620. and in the 30th year of her age.

*The next Stone tells you*

Here lieth interr'd the Body of *Nicholas Sprague* of *Chippendale*, within this Parish, Gent. who departed this life the 30th day of *November* in the 23rd year of his age, Anno; Domini 1679.

*Non diu vixit sed multum.*

*Another shews you*

Here lieth the Body of *Thomas Hemington* one of the Yeomen Ushers of his Majesties Guard, who departed this life 25th of *November* 1637. and *Margaret Hemington* his beloved Wife.

*This is inscrib'd upon another Stone.*

Here lieth the Body of *Dorothy Over*, Daughter of *Richard Over* of *Albany*, Gent. who departed this life the 16th day of *January* 1637.

*Another Stone has this Inscription.*

To the Memory of *Richard Over*, Gent. who being divested of his mortality the 19th day of *December* 1642. expects the second coming of our Saviour.

*Upon another Stone you may read*

Here lies interr'd the Body of *Mary Dixon*, who departed this life the 10th of *July* 1622. being then but three years of age, to whose sweet remembrance *I. B.* for the love she bore her here dedicates her self, and this;

This well may serve to set my Passion forth,  
But greater Piles must character thy worth;  
Affection only consecrates this Stone,  
That it should melt when I forbear to mourn.  
I see no cause why either yet should blame.  
Sun never Sets, but 'tis to Rise again.

Another Marble hath these Characters.

*Mors mihi transitus in vitam æternam et resurgat Robertus Dixon, Filius  
et Heres Roberti Dixon de Langley Regis, Armig.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum*

*On the next is inscribed,*

Here lieth interr'd the Body of *Lucia Dixon*, one of the Daughters of *Robert Dixon* of *Kings Langley*, Esq; who deceased the 6th day of *September* 1643. to whose precious memory *J. B.* dedicates this, and her self.

Loe, Reader, here a Virgin lies,  
Whose well spent life the Gospel justifies,  
In that she wisely trim'd her Lamp with Oyl  
To meet the Bridegroom freed from him by foil  
Of Earth's Corruption; thus prepar'd to be  
Seated with him in Immortality,  
Whilst here below, the memory of her Name  
Becomes a sacred Story of her Fame;  
Whose sweet Demeanour, they who knew can tell,  
Others in Grace and Virtue to excell.  
Let after times her Piety compare,  
None merits now with her an equal share.  
Thus by her death in Characters of Stone  
We read her happy Resurrection.

*These Characters are engraved on another Marble.*

Here lieth interr'd the Body of *John Cheyney*, Gent. who departed this life in the true Faith of Christ Jesus the first day of *February* Anno Dom. 1697.

You may view these letters on another Stone.

— William Carter and Alice his Wife, which William departed this life on the 20. day of August 1628. —

*These Words are engrav'd on another Stone.*

Here lieth the Body of *John Carter*, late of *Gloucester*, who had two Wives; by the first he had issue four Sons and five Daughters, by the second he had issue five Sons and four Daughters, and he was buried the 9th of *August* 1588.

*On another Marble these lines are engraved.*

Loe, here's interr'd a Wife of worthy Fame,  
Whose Virtues great, and honest Life deserve the same :  
*Margaret* was her name, by marriage *Cheyney* hight,  
Late Wife of *Cheyney* Son to *Chesham Boys* by right  
Her due Descent from *Skipwiths* Line, late of *St. Albans Town*;  
And married to that *Cheyneys* Heir, a House of old renown.  
Full ten years she in marriage spent, five Children was her share,  
The Heavens have two of the five, three left to Fathers care.  
Her life so good, her death not ill, I hope shall not deny  
But that her Soul in Jesus Christ shall live eternally.

20. January 1578. *secundem computationem Ecclesie Anglicane.*

#### CHARITABLE GIFTS.

The Lady *Cooper* gave 10*l.* per Annum, issuing out of the Towns of *Ceombeury*, *Bedington*, and *Aschchurch* in the County of *Gloucester*, to be paid on the first day of *January* to the Poor of this Parish.

*William Knight* gave to the Poor of this Parish 2*l.* per Annum, issuing out of certain Lands call'd *Outlands*, lying in this Parish.

*Mr. Smith* gave 5*l.* per Annum to the Poor of this Parish, to be paid by *Sir Henry Hen*, Feoffee in trust for the payment hereof.

The Lady *Morison* gave forty Shillings per Annum to the Poor of this Parish, issuing out of the House situated in this Parish where *Mr. Buckcock* lived.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

## HEANHAMSTED, HEMSTED.

*Mon. Angl.  
vol. 1, fol. 177.*

*Norden, p. 18.  
Camd. Brit.  
tit. Herta.  
fol. 415.*

**OFFA**, that great and magnificent Prince, King of the *Mertians*, gave six Mansions in *Heanhamsted*, scituated about three Miles distant from *Kings Langley* Northward, to the Monastery of *St. Albans*, which was of his own Foundation; and King *Etheldred* confirmed the Grant hereof to the same Church; but the other Part of this Vill continued Parcel of the Revenue that belonged to the Saxon Kings, until the time that King *William* the Conqueror gave it to *Earl Moreton*; for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that the Abbot of *St. Albans*, and *Earl Moreton* held this Vill.

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 135.*

*In Albanston Hundred. Abbas Sancti Albani tenuit Hamelhamstede pro viginta hidis, se defendebat. Terra est viginti car. In dominio sex hidæ et ibi sunt tres car. et quarta potest fieri, ibi viginti sex Villani cum quatuor Francig. habentibus tredecem car. et adhuc tres possunt fieri, ibi tres Bord. et unus Servus, et duo Mol. de vigint. sol. pratum tres car. et tredecem sol. pastura ad pec. Silva mille porc. in totis valentiis valet et valuit duodecim lib. et decem sol. tempore Regis Edwardi viginti quinq; libras hoc Manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Ecclesie Sancti Albani.*

*Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 136, a. 10.*

*In Erung Hundred. Comes Moritonius tenuit Hamelhamstede pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est trigint car. in Dominio tres hid. et ibi quatuor car. et adhuc duo car. possunt fieri, ibi duo Francig. cum tredecem Bord. habentibus vigint. car. et adhuc quatuor possunt fieri, ibi octo Servi, et quatuor Mold. de trigint. sept. sol. et quatuor denar. et trescent. anguillis vigint. quinq. minus pratum quatuor car. pastura ad pec et duo sol. Silva mille et ducent. porc. in totis valentiis valet vigint. duo lib. quando recepit vigint. et quinq; lib. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc Manerium tenuerunt duo fratres homines Comitiss Lenvini fuerunt.*

The Abbot of *St. Alban* held *Hamelhamstede* in *Albanston Hundred*, it was rated at twenty Hides. The arable is twenty Carcates, in Demeasne six Hides, and there are three Carcates, and a fourth may be made, there are six and twenty Villains with four Frenchmen born, having thirteen Carcates, and now three others may be made, there are three Bordars, and one Servant, and two Mills of twenty Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow three Carcates, and thirteen Shillings Rent by the Year, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed one thousand Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth and was worth twelve Pounds and ten Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) five and twenty Pounds. This Mannor did lye and doth lye in the Demeasne of the Church of *St. Alban*.

*Earl Moreton* held *Hamelhamstede* in *Erung Hundred*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is thirty Carcates, in Demeasne three Hides, and there are four Carcates, and now two Carcates may be made, there are two Frenchmen born, with thirteen Bordars, having twenty Carcates, and now four more may be made, there are eight Servants, and four Mills of seven and thirty Shillings and four Pence Rent by the Year, and three hundred Eels wanting five and twenty, Meadow four Carcates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, and two Shillings Rent by the Year, Wood to feed one thousand and two hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth two and twenty Pounds, when he received it five and twenty Pounds, and Rent in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor.) Two were Brethren, Men (under the Protection) of *Earl Lewin*, they held this Mannor.

The Abbots of *St. Albans* held the former, till the time of the Dissolution of their Church, and *Earl Moreton*, who was half Brother to King *William* the Conqueror, held the last Mannor in their Name and Family, till it came to the Crown, in such Sort as is set forth in the Parish of *Werkhamsted*; and King *H. III.* gave it to *Richard* his Brother, who was afterwards King of *Almain* and Earl of *Cornwal*, from whom it came to *Edmond* his Son, who in the fifth of *Edw. III.* granted it to the Church of *Essex*, which was of his own Foundation, with all and singular their Appurtenances (except the Advowson of the Church and his Warren there,) and all the Rights, Liberties, and free Customs which he had in this Mannor: Moreover he granted that the Tenants thereof should be quit of all Suits of Courts, Hundreds, and Views of Franc-pledge.

This Vill, says *Norden*, was denominated from an high Hemp-land, which, in all Probability, might at that time be planted upon the high Hill on the East Side of the Town, for *Werkhamsted* imports as much.

*John Waterhouse*, Esq. Auditor to King *H. VIII.* gave that King a great Entertainment at his House, which, I suppose, was *Werkhamsted Burp*, the Seat of his Ancestors; and upon his Request, the said King, by his Letters Patents dated at *Westminster*, the 29th of *Decem. Anno 21 Regni sui*, did incorporate this Vill by the Name of Bayliff and Inhabitants, granting to them perpetual Succession, and that from thenceforth one Person should be chosen Bayliff by the Inhabitants every Year to govern this Vill; and appointed *William Stephens*, one of the Inhabitants within this Vill, to be Bayliff for that Year, to continue until the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, then next ensuing, and that they may plead and be impleaded by the Name of Bayliff and Inhabitants, and shall have a Common Seal; that the Bayliff and Inhabitants, and their Successors for ever, shall have a Market every Week, to be held on every Thursday in this Vill, and a Fair every Year to be held on the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, to continue one Day, with Pi-powder Court during the said Market and Fair, together with all the Issues, Profits, and Amercements arising out of the same Market, Fair, and Court; which Market is now become one of the greatest for Wheat in this County.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

*Mon. Angl.*  
vol. 3, fol. 67.

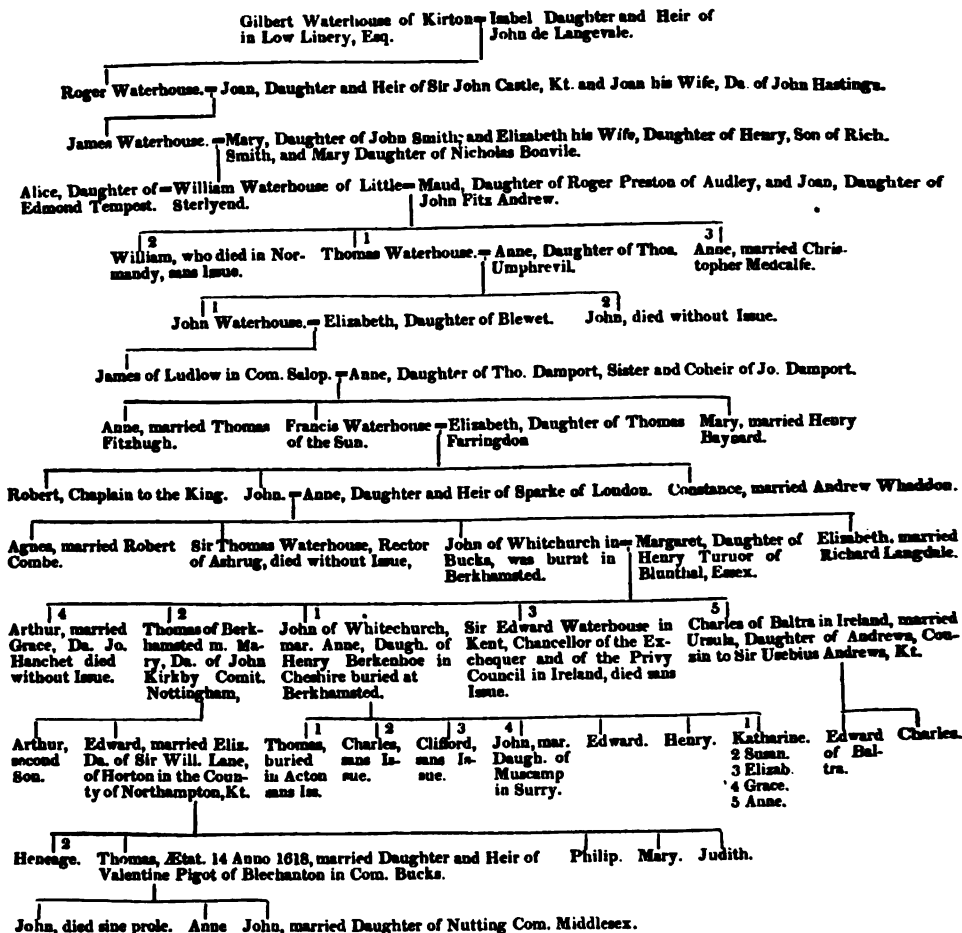
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*Mon. Angl.*  
vol. 3, fol. 68.

*Norden*, p. 16.  
*Camd. Brit.*  
tit. Herta.  
fol. 418.

*Fuller's Wor-*  
*thine*, fol. 21.

Pat. 21 H.  
VIII.



**T**HIS Vicaridge is in the Deanery of **Berkhamsted** in the Diocess of **Lincoln**, and in **Anno 26 Henry VIII.** was rated at the yearly Value of **16l. 1s. 10d.** and upon every Avoidance, the Bishop of **Lincoln** nominates, and the Dean and Chapter of **St. Paul, London**, presents the new Vicar.

#### The VICARS.

— Scriven, A. M. Joel Jones, A. M. Robert Brabant.

This Church is erected near the Town, 'tis covered with Lead, to which a square Tower is annexed, wherein is a good Ring of six Bells, and a very fair and tall Spire covered with Lead erected upon it, which is a great Ornament to the Town.

Upon a fair Tomb of Marble and Tuch, inlaid with Brass, with the Pourtraiture of a Man armed, of goodly Lineaments, together with his Wife, is this French Inscription.

Robert Albyn gist icy  
Et Margereta sa femme oubike Iup  
Mieu de iz Almes sept mercy.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

## BOVINGDON.

IN the time of *William* the Conqueror, I suppose this Mannor was that Part of this Vill which that King gave to Earl *Moreton*, and afterwards return'd it to the Crown again; from whence it might come to

*John de Arcy*, who held it in the time of *Edw. III.* when it was known by the Name of the Mannor of *Westbrook*.

This *John de Arcy* descended from that *Norman de Arcy*, a great Baron, to whom King *William* the Conqueror gave no less than thirty three Lordships in *Lincolnshire* for his Services. He was summon'd among the Barons of this Realm from the 22nd until the 28th of *Edw. III.* He married *Elizabeth* the Daughter and Heir of *Nicholas Menil*, by whom he had Issue *John* and *Philip*, and died at *Acton*, upon *Saturday* next after the Feast of *St. Chad*, Anno 30 *Edw. III.* seiz'd of this Mannor

Clause 31. Ed  
III.  
Ber fol. 373.

*John* was his Heir, about five Years old at the Death of his Father, but died in his Minority on the 26th of *August*, Anno 36 *Edw. III.* without Issue, whereupon it came to

*Philip*, who was his Brother and Heir, then eleven Years of Age, who proving his Age An. 47 *Edw. III.* did his Homage and had Livery of his Lands. He was an active Man in the Wars of *France*, where he commanded divers Men at Arms and Archers, for the Recovery of the King's Rights there, and was constituted Admiral of all the King's Fleet from the *Thames* Northward, 9 R. II. took many Prizes there, which he brought into the Port of *Sandwich*, and in Lieu of his great Services the King commanded that they should be redelivered to him for his own Use; but I read no more of this Mannor till the Reign of *H. VII.* when it came to the Possession of

Rot. Franc.  
3 R. II.

Clause 9 R. II.

*John Mayne* of *Ascot* in the County of *Bucks*, who gave it to

*Robert Mayne* his second Son; he married the Daughter of ——— *Bradshaw*, enjoy'd it some time, then died seized hereof, leaving Issue

*Henry*, who succeeded him and married *Ann* the Daughter and Heir of ——— *Randolf* in the County of *Bucks*, by whom he had Issue

Offic. Armor.

*James*, who succeeded, married *Mary* Daughter and Heir to *John Andrews* of *Witchin* in this County, by whom he had Issue

*James*, who married *Dorothy* the Daughter and Heir of *John Hawes* of *London*, Merchant, by whom he had Issue one Son, who died in his Minority, and two Daughters who were his Coheirs, whereof

*Hand. &  
Decorum.*

*Sarah* married Sir *William Glascock*, one of the Masters of the Court of Requests, and they sold this Mannor to

*Joshuah Lomax, Esq.* who gave it to

*Thomas* his younger Son, who has built a very fair Mansion House of Brick there, and is the present Owner hereof.

#### *The Mannor of MARTIALLS.*

**DENOMINATED** from some Owner hereof, and has passed with the former Mannor to the same Persons, till it came to *Thomas Lomax, Esq.* the present Lord hereof.

This Vill is scituated upon an Hill, from whence it might derive its Name, whereof the top is a level Piece of Ground containing three Miles over every Way, famous for broad Greens and pleasant High-ways, Apples and Black Cherries which grow in every Hedge, and proves a very wholesome Air.

**THE** Church is erected in the Middle of the Vill in the Deanery of *Berkhamstead*, in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, cover'd with Lead, and has a square Tower at the West End thereof, wherein are four Bells and a short Spire upon it, they have Churchwardens and all other Parochial Officers of their own.

#### *FLAUNDEN.*

**THIS** Vill, I suppose, was waste Ground in the time of *William* the Conqueror, that belonged to the Mannor of *Hemel Hemsted*, and was afterwards granted to *Thomas Flaunden*, and when he had improved it, it was called after his Name, and became a Vill like *Bobington*, but still remain'd a Parcel of the same Mannor, for he held it of that Mannor by Homage and other Services, and erected a small Church in the Vale near the River, for the Ease of himself and the Conveniency of his Tenants, with a small Erection of Timber and Boards made at the West End thereof, wherein are three very small Bells; Here are Church Wardens, and all other parochial Officers, and it seems the Vicar of *Hemsted*, finds a Curate at *Bobington* and this Vill, who christens, buries, and performs all other Ecclesiastical Rights and Duties, as appears by this ensuing Record.

*Admissio Bernardi de Grabelight ad Vicarium de Hemelhemsted cum Capellis de Flaunden et Bobington, 1235.*

*Exhibit ex parte Thomæ Walker et Johannis Turner, Gard. de Hemelhemsted, con' Thomam Gould de Bobington.*

**UNIVERSIS** et singulis Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes Literæ, testimonial' pervenerint seu quos infra script. tangunt seu tangere poterint quomodolet in futur. Christoferus Nevil Legum Doctor reverendi in Christo Patri ac Dom. Georgii providen' Divina Lincoln' Episcop' Vicarius spiritualibus generalis et Officialis princ' in et per totum Diocess Lincoln' legitim' constitut. salutem auctores salutis. Ad universitatis vestr' noticiam deducim' et

de volunt' per presentes Quod scrutato Registr' Episc' Lincoln' in quodam Rot. antiquo institutionum tempore Dom' Roberti Grosthead olim Episc' Lincoln. qui cepit processu Ecclesie Lincoln' Anno Dom. Millesimo Ducentis<sup>mo</sup>. Trices<sup>mo</sup>. Quinto Annoq; Pontific' sui tertio decimo penes Johannem Pregion Notor' Public' Registr' princ' Dom. reverendi in Christo Patria Dom. Episc. Lincoln' fideliter custodit' et remanend' inter alia ibid' regrata comprimis, et invenimus prout sequit' viz. Huntingdon Arch' Hemelhemsted Bernardus de Scabeslegh cap' presentat' pro Hug' de Nicato procuratorem Domini Phil' de Scaban, Rector' Ecclesie de Hemelhemsted per litteras datum et admissum ad Vicar' de Eccles. de Hemelhemsted in perpetuo dict' Rectoris facta prius inquisit' pro L. Archam' Hunt' per quam, &c. ad eandem admissus est et in ea Vicarius institut' et in perpetuum dict' Rectoris dictus autem Vicarius habebit nomine Vicaria sua totum alteragium tam matricis Eccl' quam capellarum, videl. de Flaunden et de Bobingdon et persol' dict' Matrici Ecclesie deservet dict' Capellas per duos idoneos Capellos faciet deservire ad sustentationem vero Capelli in Capella de Bobingdon invenient Parochiani dicta Capelle xx sol' dict' Vicar' solvend. idem etiam Vicar' omnia onera Archidiacon' et ordin' sustinebit sicut liberos et ornamenta tam in matric' Eccl' quod in dictis Capellis et Chancell' Eccl' et Capellarum in bono Statu sustinebit valet ut dict' Vicar' sis taxata xxx Marc' et mand' est eidem Archinato ut ipse &c. In quorum omn' et singulor' promissor' fidem has litteras nostras testimonial' exinde fert, ac eas Sigilli nostri appensione quo in hac parte utimur communicari et corroborari fecimus Dat' Lincoln' vicesima octavo die Mensis Julii, Anno Dom' millesimo Sexcentesimo decimo nono, 1619.

Christopher Nevil, John Pregion.

Concordat' cum originali Ita testor  
Guil' Rolfe Notor' publicus.

Tract' e Registr' Dom' Arch. Hunt' Com' Hertford.  
Ita testor Tho. Woodward Notor' publicus.

From hence it seems that the Vicar of Hemel Hemsted, and his Successors have the Nomination of the Several Curates of Bobingdon and Flaunden, who have usually held those Curacies under him without any Disturbance or Molestation so long as they behaved themselves well, and 'tis Pitty they have no better Stipend for their Encouragement. But in those Days 20s. did answer the Value of fifty Pounds.

## GATESDEN or GADESSEN PARVA.

THIS Vill was denominated from the Vale where the River Gade rises, is distant three Miles from Hemelhemsted towards the North, and was held of Earl Moreton in the time of William the Conqueror, for 'tis recorded in *Domesday Book*, that

Hunfridus tenuit de Comite Gadesden pro quinq; hid. se defendebat. Terra est tres car. in Dominio est una et quinque Vill. cum duobus Bord. habentibus duo car. ibi un. Servus, pastura ad pec. Silva quinquagint. porc. in totis valent. valet quadragint. sol. quando recepit sexagint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor hid. Hoc Manerium tenuit Edmer Attile, et fuit Berewich. in Berchamstede.

*Domesd. Lib.*  
fol. 138, n. 15.

Humphry held of Earl Moreton Gadesden (in Crange Hundred,) it was rated for five Hides. The arable is three Carucates, in Domesday is one, and five Villains, with two Bordars, having two Carucates, there is one Servant, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed fifty Hogs in

*Hund. of  
Hertford.*



*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

Pannage time; in the whole Value it is worth forty Shillings a Year, when he received it sixty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds. *Edmer Attile* held this Mannor, and it was a Berewick in *Berkhamsted*.

I shall treat of Earl *Moreton* in the Parish of *Great Berkhamsted*, to which I refer the Reader, for that this Mannor passed in the same Manner with that to the Crown, where it continued till King *H. III.* gave it to *Richard* Earl of *Cornwal*, who was his youngest Son, and afterwards King of the *Romans*, from whom it descended to

*Edmond* Earl of *Cornwal* who was his Son, and Heir to his Honours and large Possessions, and by his Charter dated at *Langet*, the 17th Day of *April*, Anno 14 *Edw. I.* gave to God and the blessed *Mary*, and the Parson and Fraternity of *Bonhones*, founded there in Honour of the precious Blood of Christ, and for the Sustentation of twenty Brethren, whereof thirteen shall be Priests, his Mannor of *Ashridge* with *Witstone*, and all other the Appurtenances, which he had of the Gift and Grant of one *Ulion Chendit*, and the Close of the Park of the Mannor of *Ashridge*, within the Parish Churches of the blessed *St. Peter* of *Berkhamsted* and *Witstone*, and also this Mannor of *Little Gadesden* with all the Appurtenances, as well to the Lands and Tenements which the Lord *Jeoffrey Lucy* held there, as the Lands and Tenements which he had of the Gift and Grant of *Thomas Viatestone*, belonging to the Mannor, and also his Mannor of *Hemelhemsted* with all the Appurtenances, except the Advowson of the Church and his Warren, with the Returns of the King's Writs, Pleas of Withernam, Pleas of the Crown, the Goods of Felons and Fugitives, the View of Franc-pledge, and all that doth belong to the said View, the Assize of Bread and Ale, and with Hue and Cry to be made, and Pleas of Bloodshed, and all the Homage and Service of the Lord *Jeoffrey Lucy*, for all the Lands and Tenements which he held in the Vill of *Gadesden*, and the Homage and Service of the Heirs of *Thomas Flaunden*, for all the Lands and Tenements which he held in *Hemelhemsted*, with the Homage and Service of *Luce Lovel*, for all the Lands and Tenements which he held of him in this Vill, and all the Rights, Liberties, and free Customs, and the Homages, Fealties, Wards, Reliefs, Hereditaments, Foreign Suits, Escheates, Rents, Services, Suits of Courts, the Fines imposed upon any of their Servants that shall trespass in his Warren in *Hemelhemsted*, and also Common of Pasture in his Wood of *Barkhamsted*, called the *Grith*, for all their Cattle, and shall feed all their Hogs in his Wood in the time of Pannage, and Houseboot and Hayboot, shall be free from Toll in the Burrough of *Berkhamsted*, and all Exactions and Payment of Tolls, making of Bridges, Stallages, Passages, and Customs, as his Men of *Berkhamsted* and

Wallingford every where shall be; and that all the Lands, Tenements, and Rents of the said Brethren, shall remain in their Hands during the Vacation of any Rector there, and when they shall elect any Rector, the Bishop of the same Place shall confirm him, tho' he was not presented by the Patron; and they shall have all Return of Writs, and all Pleas and Summons of the Mannor of ~~Asbridge~~, ~~Witstone~~, ~~Hemelhemsted~~, and ~~Chadden~~, and of the Men belonging to the said Mannors, and shall hold the same as his free, pure, and perpetual Arms.

This Earl Edmond brought these *Bonhomes* into England, who professed the Rule of *St. Augustine*, and were, according to the Manner of the Eremitans, clad in sky colour'd Garments, and they consisted of twenty Clerks, whereof thirteen were Presbiters, and King *Edw. I.* by his Charter dated 22nd of *March, Anno 5 Regni sui*, confirmed all these Priviledges to the Rector and Brethren of the Church of *Asbridge*.

This Monastery was a Place of Receipt in the time of King *Edw. I.* for that King held a Parliament here *A. D. 1291*, and *Regni sui 19*, where there was a great Debate in the Case of *Margery*, late the Wife of *Thomas Weyland*, about the original Institution of Fines, and the necessary Use of them, upon which it was recorded in a Roll of that Parliament. *Nec in Regno isto provideatur vel sic aliqua Securitas major vel solemnior, per quam aliquis statum certiorum habere possit, vel ad statum suum verificandum aliquod solemnius testimonium producere, quam finem in Curia Domini Regis levatum, qui quidem fieris sic vocatur eo quod finis & consummatio, omnium placitorum esse debet.* And tho' Mr. *Pulton* takes no Notice of this Parliament because it was of short Continuance, and no Act pass'd at that Sessions, yet several Judgments were given there, as appears by the Record which made it a Parliament.

These *Bonhomes* held this Monastery until 26 *H. VIII.* when they made their Recognition of the King's Supremacy in this following Form.

*QUUM* ea sit non Solum Christianæ Religionis et Pietatis ratio sed nostre etiam obedientie regula Dom. Regi nostro Henrico ejus Nominis octavo (cui Unio et soli post Christum Jhesum servatorem nostrum debemus universa non modo omnimodam in Christo et eandem sinceram integram perpetuamq; animi devotionem fidem observantiam Honorem cultum reverentiam preestemus sed etiam de eadem fide et observantia nostra rationem (quotiens cunque postulabitur) reddamus et palam omnibus si repostulat libenti sime testemur: Noverint Universi ad quos presents scriptum pervenerit quod nos Thomas Rector et Conventus Domus sive Collegii de *Asbrug* *Mintola*. Dioces. uno ore et voce atque unanimi consensu et assensu hoc scripto nostro sub Sigillo nostro communi in Domo Capitulari Dato pro nobis et successoribus nostris omnibus et singulis imperpetuum profiteamur testamur ac fideliter promittimus et spondemus. Nos dict. Rectorem et Conventum et Successores nostros omnes et singulos integram inviolatam sinceram perpetuamq; fidem obser-

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

Inter Placita  
de Parl. apud  
*Asbridge*, an.  
19 Ed. 1.  
Rot. 12.  
*Coke, Inst. 2,*  
fol. 511.

*Hand. of  
Ducorum.*

vantiam et obedientiam semper prestituram erga Dom. Regem nostrum Henricum octavum et erga Annam Reginam Uxorem ejusdem et erga sobolem ejus ex eadem Anna legitime tam progenitam quam pro generand. et quod hæc eadem populo notificabimus prædicabimus et suadebimus ubicumq; dabitur locus et occasio. Item quod confirmatum ratum quæ habemus semper quæ et perpetuo habetur (unus quod predict. Rex noster Henricus est caput Ecclesie Anglicanæ. Ita quod Episc. Romanus qui in suis Bullis Papa nomen Usurpat et summi Pontificis principatum sibi arrogat non habet majorem aliquam jurisdictionem collatam sibi a Deo in sacra Scriptura in hoc Regno Angliæ quam aliquis alius externus Episcopus. Item quod nullus nostrum in ullâ sacra concione privatim vel publice habendâ eundem Episc. Romanum appellabit nostri Papæ aut summi Pontificis sed nostri Episc. Romani vel Ecclesie Romanæ. Et quod nullus nostrum orabit pro eo tanquam Papa sed tanquam Episcopo Romanæ. Item quod soli dicto Dom. Regi et successoribus suis adheremus et ejus Leges ac decreta manducabimus. Episc. Romani Legibus et decretis et Canonibus qui contra Legem Divinam et sacram Scripturam aut contra jura hujus regni esse inveniuntur imperpetuum renunciantes. Item quod nullus nostrum omnium in ullâ vel privata vel publicâ concione quacumq; ex sacris litteris desumptum ad alienum sensum detorquere presumet. Sed quisque Christum ejus quæ verba et facta simpliciter aperte sincere ac normam seu Regulam Sacrarum Scripturarum et verâ Catholicæ atq; Orthodoxorum Doctorum predicabit Catholice et Orthodoxe. Item quod unusquisque nostrum in suis orationibus et comprecationibus de more faciendis primum omnem Regem tanquam supremum caput Ecclesie Anglicanæ Deo et populi precibus commendabit. Deinde Reginam Annam cum eâ sobole cum divi Archiepiscopis Cantuar. et Ebor. cum ceteris Clerico ordinibus prout Videbitur. Item quod omnes et singuli predict. et Conventus et Successores nostri conscientie et jurijurand. Sacramento quantum de jure possumus nosmet firmiter obligamus quod omnia singula predicta fideliter imperpetuum observabimus. In cujus rei Testimonium hæc Scripto nostro commune Sigillum nostrum appendimus et nostra nomina propria quinq; manu Subscripsimus Dat. in Domo nostra Capitular. 14 die Mensis Septembris Anno Dom. Millesimo quingentesimo 24.

Thomas Waterhouse, Rector. Thomas Hyll, Elias Bernard, Michael Draper, Johannis Hatfelde, Robert. Hitchinham, Richard. Gerdynes, Wilhelmus Knighton, Richardus Bedford, Roger. Byrchley, Wilhelm. Downham, Richardus Lawnders, Johan. Axstyl, Wilhelmus Brook, Joseph Stepneth, Richardus Canaan, Williel. Young.

In the same Office I found above a hundred and seventy more made to the same effect.

And the Rector and Convent held and enjoy'd this Manor until the time of the Dissolution of the Priory, when it came to the Crown, where it continued until

Pat. 17. Eliz

Queen *Elizabeth* by Letters Patents dated the 29th Day of *January*, 17 *Regni sui*, granted the Mannor of *Asbridge* to *John Dudley*, and *John Aiscough* and their Heirs.

Curt. 17 Eliz.  
pence Com.  
Bridge water.

Which *John Dudley* and *John Aiscough* by their Indenture dated the 12th of *Feb.* 17 *Regni sui*, granted it to *Henry Lord Cheyney* and *Jane Lady Cheyney* his Wife, and to the Heirs of the *Lord Cheyney*.

This *Henry Lord Cheyney* did by his Indenture, grant it to *Sir Robert Newdigate* and others, to the Use of *Jane Lady Cheyney*, and the Heirs of her Body, and in Default of such Issue, to the Use of the Lady and her Heirs, and the *Lord Cheyney* died without Issue of his Body, by which Means this Mannor came to the *Lady Cheyney* and her Heirs.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

*The Mannors of ASHRIDGE, GADESSEN  
PARVA, and FRISDEN.*

**QUEEN Elizabeth**, by Letters Patents dated the 21st of July, 32 Regni sui, granted the Mannors of *Gadesden Parva* and *Frithsden*, with their Appurtenances, to *Jane Lady Cheyney* and her Heirs.

Pat. 32 Eliz.

The Lady *Cheyney*, Sir *John Crofts*, and Dame *Mary* his Wife, by Indenture dated the 27th of Novemb. 44 Eliz. bargain'd and sold these Mannors of *Ashridge*, *Gadesden Parva*, and *Frithsden*, to *Ralph Marshal* and his Heirs.

Cart. 44 Eliz.  
penes Com.  
Bridgewater.

Which *Ralph Marshal*, by Indenture inrolled, dated the 7th of March, 45 Eliz. conveyed them to *Randolfe Crew*, *Thomas Chamberlain*, and their Heirs; and in Easter Term, 1 Jac. I. levied a Fine of them to the Use of the Parties; and in the same Term, the Lady *Cheyney*, Sir *John Crofts*, and Dame *Mary* his Wife levied another Fine of the Mannors of *Isington*, *Ashridge*, *Gadesden Parva*, *Frithsden*, and *Northwood*, to the Use of the same Parties and their Heirs.

Ibid. 45 Eliz.

*Randolfe Crew*, *Thomas Chamberlain*, and *Richard Cartwright*, by their Indenture dated the 21st Day of October; 2 Jac. I. granted the Mannors of *Ashridge*, *Gadesden Parva*, and *Frithsden*, to *Thomas Lord Ellesmere*, and Sir *John Egerton*, and the Heirs Males of the Body of the said Lord *Ellesmere*, and for Default of such Heirs Males, to the Use of the right Heirs of the said Lord *Ellesmere* for ever.

*The Mannor of LUCYES*

**WAS** denominated from Sir *Jeoffery de Lucy*, or some of his Ancestors, who were Lords hereof: one of them conveyed it to *Edmond Earl of Cornwall*, and he disposed of it to the Support of the religious House which he founded at *Essex*.

In Easter Term Anno 26 & 27 H.VIII. *Henry Earl of Essex*, and others obtained a Recovery against *Thomas Butler* and *William Kent* of this Mannor, who vouched over Sir *Thomas Vats*, Kt. Lord *Barroden*, who vouched over the common Vouchee.

Sir *Robert Dormer* was possess of this Mannor, and by Indenture dated the 5th of November, An. 43 Eliz. granted it to *John Eames* and *Robert Eames* and their Heirs, and the said Sir *Robert Dormer* and Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife, in Michaelmas Term, 44 Eliz. levied a Fine of the same to *John Eames* and *Robert Eames*, and their Heirs, from whom it was conveyed to

*Thomas Lord Ellesmere*, who descended from an ancient Family of that Name in *Cheshire*, and studying the Laws in *Lincolns Inn*, for divers Years, at length became famous

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for his Knowledge therein, insomuch that Queen *Elizabeth* made him her Solicitor General on the 28th of *June*, 1581, 23rd of her Reign, and within the Revolution of one Year, he read in the *Quadragesimes* in that Honourable Society; afterwards was knighted, and was constituted Attorney General on the 2nd of *June*, in the Year 1592, 34 *Regni sui*; was made Master of the Rolls, 10th *April*, 1594 *An.* 36 *Eliz.* and advanced to be Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, *A. C.* 1596, 38th of her Reign, which eminent Office he held during the Remainder of her happy Life; he was raised to the Degree of a Baron of this Realm, 21st *July*, 1603, 1 *Jac.* I. by the Title of Lord *Ellesmere*, preferred to be Lord High Chancellor of England upon the 24th Day of the same Month, and advanced to the Honour of Viscount *Brackley* in *Northamptonshire* on the 7th Day of *Novemb.* 1616, in the 4th Year of the same King's Reign; during which time he married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Ravenscroft* of *Bretton* in the County of *Flint*, Esq. by whom he had Issue *Thomas*, *John*, and *Mary* married to Sir *Francis Leigh* of *Newtonham Regis* in *Com. Warwick*, Knight of the Bath, and after her Decease he espoused *Elizabeth* Daughter of Sir *George Moore*, Widow of Sir *John Woolley*, Kt. Chancellor of the Garter, and after her Death *Alice* Daughter to Sir *John Spencer* of *Althorp* in the County of *Northampton*, Kt. Widow of *Ferdinando* Earl of *Derby*, but he had not any Issue by either of these Ladies: He died on the 27th of *May*, Anno 1617, 15 *Jac.* I. being at that time seventy seven Years of Age, and his Corps was sent to *Bodleston* in *Cheshire*, and privately interr'd there.

He was a Person of quick Apprehension, profound Judgment, and of a most venerable Gravity, having (as my Author says) been seldom seen to smile: But to proceed to *Thomas* his eldest Son; he married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Thomas Venables* of *Kinderton* in the County of *Chester*, Esq. by whom he had Issue only three Daughters, *Elizabeth* married to *John Dutton*, Son and Heir apparent to *Thomas Dutton* of *Dutton* in the County of *Chester*, Esq. *Vere* married to *William Hooth*, Son and Heir apparent to Sir *George Booth* of *Dunham* in the County of *Chester*, Bar. and *Mary* married to *Thomas Leigh*, eldest Son of Sir *John Leigh*, Kt. at that time Son and Heir apparent to Sir *Thomas Leigh* of *Stonely* in the County of *Warwick*, Kt. and Bar. But this Sir *Thomas Egerton*, traveling into *Ireland*, Anno 1599, 41 *Eliz.* died there in the Life-time of *Thomas* Viscount *Brackley* his Father, who survived him, and lived until the 15th of *March*, Anno 1617, 15 *Jac.* I. when he was seventy Years of Age, and then died, and was privately buried at *Bodleston* in *Cheshire*.

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*John* his second Son succeeded in his Honour, to whom this Mannor descended; He was advanced to the Dignity of an Earl on the 27th Day of *May*, Anno 1627, 15 Jac. I. by the Title of Earl of *Bridge-water*, and married the Lady *Frances*, one of the Daughters and Coheirs to *Ferdinando* Earl of *Derby*, by whom he had Issue four Sons, *James* and *Charles*, both whom died young, *John* and *Thomas*, who survived him, and eleven Daughters, *Frances* married to Sir *John Hobart* of *Wickling* in the County of *Norfolk*, Kt. and Bar. Son and Heir to Sir *Henry Hobart* Kt. and Bar. late Lord Chief Justice of the Court of *Common Pleas*; *Arabella* married to *Oliver* Lord *St. John*, Son and Heir apparent to *Oliver* Earl of *Bulfinchbrook*; *Elizabeth* to *David Cecil*, Son of Sir *Richard Cecil*, Kt. second Brother to *William* Earl of *Exeter*, and afterwards Earl of *Exeter*; *Cecilie* who died unmarried; *Mary* wedded to *Richard Herbert*, Son and Heir to *Edward* Lord *Herbert* of *Chirbury*; *Penelope* to Sir *Robert Napier* of *Luton* *Hoo* in the County of *Hertford*, Kt. and Bart. *Alice* who died young; *Katharine* to *William Curtein*, Son and Heir apparent to Sir *William Curtein*, Kt. a great Merchant in *London*; *Magdalen* to Sir *Gervase Cutler* of *Stainburgh* in the County of *York*, Kt. *Anne* who died young; and *Alice* to *Richard* Lord *Vaughan*, Earl of *Carberry* in *Ireland*; and he died the 4th of *Decemb.* An. 1649, 1 Car. II. and was buried in this Parish Church.

*John* was his Son and Heir, inherited his Honours and Estate, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter to *William* Duke of *Newcastle*, by whom he had Issue five Sons, *John* Lord *Brackley* and Sir *William Egerton*, both made Knights of the Bath at the Coronation of King *Charles II.* whereof Sir *William* married *Honora*, Sister to *Thomas* Lord *Leigh* of *Stoneley*, by whom he had *John* and *Honora*, and died at *Christmas*, 1691, and was buried at *Hemel Hempsted*; *Thomas* espoused *Esther* Daughter of Sir *John Busby* of *Arrington* in the County of *Bucks*, Kt. by whom he had Issue *John*, *Thomas*, *William*, and *Elizabeth*; *Charles* took for his Wife *Elizabeth* the Relict of *Randolfe Egerton* of *Witley* in the County of *Stafford*, Esq. and Daughter of *Henry Murry*, Esq. one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to King *Charles I.* and *Jane* his Wife, since Viscountess *Banning* and *Stewart*; and *Elizabeth* married *Robert Sidney*, Viscount *Little*, eldest Son to *Robert* now Earl of *Wiltshire*; this *John* Earl of *Bridge-water* was sworn of the Privy Council, 13th of *February*, 1666, constituted Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the County of *Buckingham*, and afterwards the same Offices were confirmed on him in this County of *Hertford*, in the Reign of King *Charles II.* and King *James II.* He was a Person of middling Stature,

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somewhat corpulent, had black Hair, a round Visage adorn'd with a modest and grave Aspect, a sweet and pleasant Countenance, a comely Presence, and allowed free Access to all Persons who had any Concerns with him; he was a learned Man, delighted much in his Library, and was endow'd with all the rare Accomplishments of Virtue and Goodness; very temperate in eating or drinking, complaisant in Company, spoke sparingly but always very pertinently; he was very pious to his God, most devout in his Acts of Religion, and firm to the Church of England; he was very loyal to his Prince, wary in Council, most affectionate to his Lady, very tender to his Children, remarkable for Hospitality to his Neighbours, his Charity to the Poor, his Liberality to Strangers, true to his Word, faithful to his Friend, strict in his Justice, and punctual in all his Actions; which noble, good, and vertuous Lord died on the 26th Day of *October, Anno Dom. 1686, Ætat. suæ 64*, to the great Grief of the Author and all good Men that knew him, and was interred in this Parish Church of *Chadeston* in this County.

*John* Lord *Brackley* succeeded this good Earl in his Honours and Estate, having first married *Elizabeth* eldest Daughter and Coheir to *James* Earl of *Middlesex*, by whom he had Issue *John* who died in his Infancy: after her Decease he wedded *Jane* eldest Daughter to *Charles* now Duke of *Bolton*, by whom he had *Charles* Viscount *Brackley*, and *Thomas*, both whom were unfortunately burnt in their Beds at *Bridgewater-house* in *Barbican*; *Scrope* now Viscount *Brackley*, *William*, *Henry*, and *John*, and — *Mary* and *Elizabeth*; he is one of the Lords of the Privy Council, the first Commissioner of Trade, and Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Buckingham*: He bears *Argent, a Lion rampant Gules, between three Pheons sable, with a Bordure ingrailed of the last*, which Bordure has of late been disused.

The Saxons termed these Earls *Erligs* or *Ethlings*; the Germans, *Graves*, as *Lantgrave*, *Palsgrave*, *Cheingrave*, or the like; and the Danes, *Eorles*; but the Normans, *Comites*, *Counts*; and for Gravity in Council they were term'd *Comites illustris* a *Comitando Principem*: His Head is adorn'd with a Cap of Honour, and a Coronet of Gold, which is pyramidal pointed, and pearled between each Pyramid, a Flower much shorter than the Pyramid; and his Body is robed with a Hood, Surcoat, and Mantle of State, with three Guards of Fur upon the Shoulders, and begirt with a Sword.

This Crownet or *Circulus aureus* (as it is termed in the Charters of Creation) is very ancient; for *John* of *Eltham*, Brother to King *Edw. III.* Earl of *Cornwall* lies buried in *St. Edmonds* Chappel at *Westminster*, with a Crownet on his Head, the Form whereof is *Fleury*, as a Duke's Crownet

*Selden's Tit.  
of Hon. pt. 2,  
cap. 5, p. 679.*

is at this Day; but he died almost two Years before any Duke was made in England, from whence some conceive the Crownets of some Earls were of the like Mode to those of the Dukes before the Creation of Dukes; so *Aymer de Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, who died *An. 16 Edw. II.* had a golden Crownet; and *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* had three Crownets of several Sorts and Worth, which he disposed of by his Will dated at *Arundel Castle* the 5th of *December, 1375, 49 Edw. III.* wherein he gave the best Crownet to the Lord *Richard* his Son and Heir, afterwards Earl of *Arundel*, to remain to him and the Heirs of his Dignity; the second Crownet to the Lady *Joan* his Daughter, and the Heirs of her Body; and the third to the Lady *Alice* and the Heirs of her Body.

An Earl hath the Title of Prince, and is stiled the most Noble and Puissant Lord, but having treated of the Antiquity of this Honour in fol. 37, vol. 1, I refer the Reader thither.

**T**HIS Rectory is in the Deanery of *Berkhamsted* in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, and was rated in the King's Books *Anno 26 Henry VIII.* at the yearly Value of 11*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* and these Earls have been successively Patrons hereof.

RECTOR, *George Burghope*

The Church hath a square Tower at the West End thereof, wherein are four small Bells, with a short Spire upon it; and both the Church and Chancel have fair Ceilings, are kept very neat, and are adorn'd with several curious and fair Monuments, which gives me Occasion to take notice of the original Cause of erecting Monuments in Churches.

These Monuments were denominated *a Muriendo*, because they were at the first erected to defend the Bodies of the dead from the savage Brutishness of wild Beasts, which otherwise might have destroyed the Bodies in their Graves, for in those Days all were buried in the Fields near some Way, or at the Feet or Top of Mountains, as now in *Turkey*, and the Eastern Parts of the World; about which time 'twas the Usage in *England* to inter their Dead upon the Ridges of Hills or spacious Plains, fortified or fenced about with pointed Stones, Pyramids, Pillars or such like Monuments, as *Stonehenge* on *Salisbury*-plain, those near *Aileford* in *Hert*, *Wartloe* in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Stebnage* in this County, to put Passengers in Mind of their Mortality; and though the British Cities had Churches from the Beginning of Christianity, yet the Christians always buried their Dead without the Walls of Towns and Cities, until the time of *Gregory* the Great, who was Bishop of *Rome*, *Anno 590*, when the Monks, Fryars, and Priests began to offer Sacrifices for the Souls departed; at length they obtained Church-yards for Places to bury their Dead for the Advantage of their Profit; and in Process of time License to bury in Churches, that so often as their Relations came

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Bacorum.*

*Went. Fun.  
Mon. p. 5.*

*Specim. Com.  
cils. p. 11.*



*Hund. of  
Decorum.*

Weav. p. 8.

to those holy Places and beheld their Sepulture, they might remember and earnestly pray to the Lord for them; for which Reason *Constantine* was buried in the Porch of the Apostles in *Constantinople*, *Honorius* in the Porch of *St. Peter* at *Rome*, and the Empress in the Church: and in *England*, *Augustine* the Monk, Bishop of *Canterbury*, was buried in the Porch of the Church of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul* near *Canterbury*, a religious House of his own Foundation without the City, and the six next succeeding Bishops of the same Province were interred near him.

*Lamb. Prim.  
of Kent, p. 87.*

*Chron. MSS.  
Stilling. Antiq.  
of the British  
Churches,  
fol. 30.*

*Cuthbert*, the eleventh Archbishop of *Canterbury*, consecrated Anno 341, obtained a Dispensation about the Year 758, from the Pope to make Cementories and Church-yards in *England*, for the Burial of their Dead; for before his time the Bodies of the Kings and Archbishops in *England* were not buried in Cities, for in those Days they followed the Example of our Saviour, who was buried without the Gate, and this Archbishop was the first that was interred in Christ's Church. Shortly after Gravestones were made, and Tombs erected with Inscriptions ingraven upon them, declaring briefly, with a Kind of Commiseration, the Name, Age, Merit, Dignity, State, Praise, Fortune, Time, and Manner of the Death of the Party interred; which was called an Epitaph, and have always been accounted the greatest Mark of Respect, because they express a great Love to the deceased Person, and preserves his Memory to Posterity, which was a Comfort to his Friends and Relations, and put them in Mind of his Mortality.

*Camd. Rem.  
p. 308*

The Invention of these Epitaphs proceeded from the Pre-sage or Sense of Immortality implanted naturally in all Men, and is attributed to the Schollars of *Linus*, the *Theban* Poet, (who flourished about the Year of the World 2700,) for they first bewailing this *Linus* their Master in doleful Verses when he was slain, those Verses were called from him *Ælinum*, afterwards *Epitaphia*, because they were first sung at Burials, and after engraved upon the Sepulchers; which may be called Monuments, a *Memoria*, for that they are Memorials to put Men in Mind of their frail Condition, and their deceased Friends; or a *Monendo*, to warn Men of their Mortality, and to excite their inward Thoughts by the Sight of Death to a better Life; and these Monuments were accounted so sacred, that such as violated them were heretofore punished with Death, Banishment, Condemnation to the Mines, or Loss of Members, according to the Circumstance of Fact and Person.

*Coke, Inst. 3,  
fol. 203.*

These Monuments serve for four Uses or Ends: They are Evidences to prove Descents and Pedigrees. 2. To shew the time when the Party deceased. 3. They are Examples to follow the Good, and eschew the Evil. 4. Memorials to

put the living in Mind of their Mortality; for these Reasons any Person may erect a Tomb, Sepulcher, or Monument for the deceased in any Church, Chancel, Chapel, or Churchyard, so that it be not to the Hindrance of the Celebration of Divine Service; the defacing of them is punishable at Common Law; and the Party that built it shall have his Action at Common Law during his Life, and the Heir of the deceased after his Death, but now to return to these Monuments here.

*A fair Monument in the Chancel hath these two Inscriptions.*

*M. S.*

Hear rests

(Till the last Trump awakens his Dust)

The Right Honourable and truly Noble Sir *John Egerton*, Kt. of the Honourable Order of the Bath, Earl of *Brighthelm*, Viscount *Brackley*, and Baron of *Elsmere*, &c.

He was Son to the renowned Patriot, Sir *Thomas Egerton*, Baron of *Elsmere*, Viscount *Brackley* and Lord Chancellor of England, and was sole Heir both of his Estate and Virtues. He married the Right Honourable the Lady *Frances Stanley*, Second Daughter and one of the Coheirs of *Ferdinando* Earl of *Berby*, &c. a Wife worthy such a Husband, by whom he was blest with a numerous and virtuous Off-spring; four Sons and eleven Daughters; three of his Sons died before him, viz. *James* Viscount *Brackley* his eldest, and *Charles* Viscount *Brackley* his second Son, who both died in their Infancy, and Mr. *Thomas Egerton* his fourth Son, who lies here interred, dying unmarried in the three and twentieth year of his age, and three of his Daughters, viz. the Lady *Cecilia Egerton*, Mrs. *Alice Egerton*, and the Lady *Anne Egerton*; his third and only surviving Son and Heir *John* Viscount *Brackley* he saw happily married to the Right Honourable the Lady *Elizabeth Cavendish*, the second Daughter to the Right Honourable *William* Marquess of *Newcastle*, &c. Seven of his Daughters he likewise saw well and honourably married, viz. the Lady *Frances*, the Lady *Arabella*, the Lady *Elizabeth*, the Lady *Mary*, the Lady *Penelope*, the Lady *Katharine*, and the Lady *Magdalen*; and left only his eleventh Daughter the Lady *Alice Egerton* unmarried.

He was endowed with incomparable Parts, both Natural and Acquired, so that both Art and Nature did seem to strive which should contribute the most towards the making him a most accomplish'd Gentleman, he had an active Body and a vigorous Soul, his Deportment was graceful, his Discourse excellent, whether extemporary or premeditated, serious or jocular, so that he seldom spake but he did either instruct or delight those that heard him; he was a profound Scholar, an able Statesman and a good Christian; he was the dutiful Son to his Mother the Church of England in her Persecution, as well as in her great Splendor, a loyal Subject to his Sovereign in those worst of times, when it was accounted Treason not to be a Traytor.

As he lived 70 years a pattern of Vertue, so he died an example of Patience and Piety, the fourth of *December* in the year of our Lord 1649.

*Prov. the 10th and 7th.*

*The Memory of the Just is blessed.*

*M. S.*

In hope of a happy Resurrection

Here lieth the Right Honourable and most noble Lady *Frances* Countess of *Brighthelm*.

She was second Daughter and one of the Coheirs of the Right Honourable *Ferdinando* Earl of *Berby*, &c. Wife to the Right Honourable Sir *John Egerton*, Kt. of the Honourable Order of the Bath, Earl of *Brighthelm*, Viscount *Brackley*, Baron of *Elsmere* and Lord President of

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9 Ed. IV. 14.  
Lady Wyches  
Case, Mich.  
10 Jac. I. Cor-  
ven and Pym.  
Coke. 3 Inst.  
fol. 202.

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Dacorum.*

Elials and the Marshes thereof, by whom she was a happy Mother of fifteen Children, four Sons and eleven Daughters, five of which she buried young, viz. the Lord *James Viscount Brackley* her eldest, the Lord *Charles* who succeeded him in Birth and Honour second Son, the Lady *Cicilia Egerton*, Mrs. *Alice Egerton* her eighth, and the Lady *Anne Egerton* her tenth Daughter, who lies here interred, dying in the eighth year of her age, seven Daughters she married richly and honourably, viz. the Lady *Frances* her eldest, the Lady *Arabella* her second, the Lady *Elizabeth* her third, the Lady *Mary* her fifth, the Lady *Penelope* her sixth, the Lady *Katharine* her seventh, and the Lady *Magdalen* her ninth, one of her Daughters, viz. the Lady *Alice* her eleventh she left unmarried, as she likewise did two of her Sons, the Lord *John Viscount Brackley* her third, and Sir *Thomas Egerton* her fourth Son; she was unparallelled in the Gifts of Nature and Grace, being strong of Constitution, admirable for Beauty, generous in Carriage, of a sweet and noble Disposition, Wise in her Affairs, Chearful in her Discourse, Liberal to the Poor, Pious towards God, and Good to All.

She lived vertuously 52 years; she died religiously the 11th day of *March* in the year of our Lord 1635. and she reigns triumphantly for ever.

Psal. 116. 15.

*Pretious in the sight of the Lord is the Death of his Saints.*

Here lies interred

*John Earl of Bridgewater Viscount Brackley, Baron of Elmstree, and one of the Lords of the Privy Council, and Lieutenant of the County of Bucks and Hertford, and Custos Rotulorum of both, to King Charles the second and King James the second. Who desired no other Memorial of him but only This,*

*That having (in the 19th year of his age) married the Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, Daughter to the then Earl since Marquess, and after that Duke of Newcastle, he did enjoy (almost 23 years) all the happiness that a man could receive in the sweet society of the Best of Wives, till it pleased God in the 44th year of his age to change his great Felicity into as great Misery, by depriving him of his truly loving and intirely beloved Wife, who was all his worldly Bliss; after which time humbly submitting to, and waiting on the Will and Pleasure of the Almighty, he did sorrowfully wear out 23 years, 4 Months and twelve days, and then on the 16th day of October, in the year of Lord 1686. and in the 64th year of his own age, yielded up his Soul into the merciful hand of God who gave it.*

Job 13. 15.

*Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.*

*Another fair Monument hath this Inscription.*

*D. D.*

To the sacred memory of the late transcendently virtuous Lady, now glorious Saint, the Right Honourable *Elizabeth Countess of Bridgewater.*

She was second Daughter to the Right Honourable *William Marquiss of Newcastle*, and Wife to the Right Honourable *John Earl of Bridgewater*, and whose Family she had enriched with a hopeful issue, six Sons; viz. *John Viscount Brackley* her eldest, Sir *William Egerton* second Son, both Knights of the Honourable Order of the Bath, Mr. *Thomas Egerton* a third, Mr. *Charles Egerton* her fourth, Mr. *Henry Egerton* her fifth, Mr. *Steward Egerton* her sixth Son, and three Daughters, viz. Mrs. *Frances Egerton* her Eldest, the Lady *Elizabeth* her second, and the *Katherine Egerton* her third Daughter, all of which Children three, viz. Mr. *Henry Egerton* her fifth Son, Mrs. *Frances* her eldest, the Lady *Katherine Egerton* her third Daughter lye here interred, dying in their Infancy, the rest are still living Pictures of their deceased Mother, and the only remaining Comforts of their disconsolate Father. She was a Lady in whom all the accomplishments both in Body and Mind did concur to make her the Glory of the present, and Example of

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future Ages, her Beauty was so unparalleled that 'tis as much beyond the Art of the most elegant Pen, as it surpasseth the skill of several the most exquisite pensils (that attempted it); to describe and not to disparage it; she had a winning and an attractive Behaviour, a charming Discourse, a most obliging Conversation; she was so courteous and affable to all persons that she gained their Love, yet not so familiar to expose herself to contempt; she was of a Noble and Generous Soul, yet of so meek and humble a Disposition that never any Woman of her Quality was greater in the Worlds opinion, and less in her own, the rich at her Table daily tasted her Hospitality, the poor at her Gate her Charity; her Devotion most Exemplary if not Inimitable, (witness) besides several other occasional Meditations and Prayers full of the holy transports and rapture of a sanctified Soul) her Divine Meditations upon every particular Chapter in the Bible, written with her own hand, and never (till since her death) seen by any eye but her own, and her then Dear but now sorrowful Husbands, to the admiration both of her eminent Piety in Composing, and of her Modesty in Concealing, then she was a most affectionate and observing Wife to her Husband, a most tender and indulgent Mother to her Children, a most kind and bountiful Mistress to her Family; in a word she was so Superlatively good, that Language is too narrow to express her deserved Character; her Death was as religious as her Life was vertuous, on the 14th day of June in the year of our Lord 1663. of her own age 37. she exchanged her earthly Coronet for an heavenly Crown.

Pro. 31. 28. 29.

*Her Children rise up and call her Blessed, her Husband also and he praiseth her: Many Daughters have done vertuously but thou excellest them all.*

*Another Monument shews this Inscription.*

To the Memory of

The late no less truly vertuous than Right Honourable the Lady Elizabeth Vicountess Brackley, eldest Daughter and Heir of the Right Honourable James Earl of Mordaunt, Wife to the Right Honourable Sir John Egerton, Kt. of the Honourable Order of the Bath, Viscount Brackley, eldest Son and Heir apparent to the Right Honourable John Earl of Brington; She had issue one Son John Egerton, who died in the second year of his age, and one Daughter, who died as soon as she was born and both lye interred together with their excellent Mother.

She was a Lady of a noble Extraction, and adorned with a temperate Mind equal to her Birth, her Person was lovely, Nature having better provided for her than Art for others, her Wit was quick and innocently free without affectation, her Speech whether in the English or French tongue, was modestly grave, and gracefully delightful; she was an exact observer of whatsoever was noble or vertuous, discreet or pious, civil and obliging, her Closet, the private Chapple, and publick Church, did witness her devout, decent, and daily discharge of her Duty to Almighty God, her constant and passionate affection to her dear Husband (who sorrowfully undergoes the great affliction of her Love) placed her among the best of Wives, and her meek and affable Conversation (whereby she was still most esteemed by those that knew her best) among the best of Women.

In the Morning of her age (too bright to last long,) she found (even before her noon) her Evening, for after a short but sharp Sicknease on Thursday 3d of March (in her 22. year) in the year of our Lord God 1669. she exchanged this Mortal Life for Immortality.

Pro. 31. 30. *A Woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.*

*On the right Hand of the Altar, on the Ground over the Vault at the Foot of the great Monument lies a black Marble Stone, with this Inscription.*

In assurance of a happy and Joyful Resurrection  
here lyeth interred

The Lady Ann Egerton,  
Who died the 27th of December 1625.  
In the 8th year of her age,

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Bartrum.

And was  
One of the Daughters of the Right Honourable  
John Lord Ellesmere, Viscount Brackley,  
Earl of Bridgewater, by the right  
Honourable the Lady Frances, Viscountess,  
Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of  
The Right Honourable Ferdinand Earl  
of Derby.

On the left Hand of the Altar stands Dr. Fowler's Monument in white  
Marble with this Inscription.

*Spe Resurgendi*  
*Exuvias Me deposuit Mortale, Vir verè Reverendus,*  
*ac omnibus (quibus notus erat) amore dignissimus,*  
Thomas Fowler Sacrae Theolog. Professor;  
Ortus Generosæ Familiæ in comitatu Stafford;  
Prænobili Comiti de Bridgewater, ex uxore, à Sacris  
domesticis; Et filii ejus (Honoratissimo illo titulo nunc  
gaudentis) non sine magno fructu fidelis Tutor;  
Albi Monasterii in Agro Salapinensi Rector:  
Vir de Republicâ literarum optimè meritis;  
Pietatis, Probitatis, Comitatis, et Candoris vivum exemplar,  
Subditus fidelis;  
Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ obsequentissimus filius;  
Theologus insignis;  
Concionator eloquens et assiduus;  
Omni denique virtutum genere clarus:  
Qui variis motuum superorum casibus huc illuc agitatus,  
Cum tandem patriam suam à prædonibus spoliatam, Regum  
Optimum à Perduellibus sceleratissimus securi traditum, et  
Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ tantum non Extinctam, videret,  
Vitam pertæsus, ad superos migravit,  
27. die Febr. An. Dom. Millesimo sexcentesimo quinquagesimo  
secundo, Ætatis suæ 52.  
Et sui desiderium amicis omnibus reliquit.  
*Optime Patri;*  
Johannes et Thomas Fowler, Filii amatissimi  
(Benigno concessu et candore Prænobilis Dom. Johannis  
Comitis de Bridgewater) Hoc Monumentum  
M. S.  
Pia posuerunt.  
Marmore non opus est Tibi (sed Nati hoc posuere  
Ne si aliter jaceas, vitor umbra forces)  
Nam tibi qui similis vivit moriturq; sepulchrum  
Ipse sibi vivax, et sibi marmor erit.

On the Stone under this Monument.

Thomas Fowler, S.S. Theologiæ Professor, Albi Monasterii in Comitatu  
Salapinensi Rector: Hic situs est.

Another Monument hath this.

*Spe Resurgendi,*  
*Hic requiescit pars Mortalis*  
Marthæ Eddowes,  
Filiæ Reverendi Jacobi Betton Sacrae Theologiæ Professoris, et Johannis  
Eddowes, Armig. nuper Conjugis amantissimæ:  
Quæ, dum vixit, Pietatis, Constâtis, Comitatis, Amoris Conjugalis, erga  
propinquos benignitatis et Cordatis ad Amicos Constantiæ, Sexus deniq;  
sui extitit laudabile Exemplar. Ætatis suæ Ann. quadragessimo octavo  
1678.

Johannes Eddowes in defunctæ Conjugis memoriam  
Amoris ergò hoc Monumentum posuit.

**A Monument in the Wall on the North Side of the Church  
sets forth this Inscription.**

**Hund. of  
Bacorum.**

Henricum Stanley,  
Medicinae Doctorem,  
Celiberrimi utriusq; Collegii  
Novi, primum in Universitate Oxon.  
Medicorum deinde in Civitate London.  
Socium et Ornamentum:  
Undecum tribus suis suavissimis Liberis  
Henrico, Thoma et Francisca;  
Et charissimâ Coniuge Margaritâ,  
Thomæ Pantoni, Equitis curati  
Belgicq; in re militari notissimi fliâ,  
Voleuit  
Resurrectionem in hoc sacrario præstolari  
Johannis, Comitis Brügwater  
Supremus Favor;  
Ut  
Quem vivum in sinu receperit,  
Defunctum etiam daret  
(Nulli cessurâ fato benignitate  
Sibi usiq; quam proxime recumbere  
Obiit } Anno { Domini 1671.  
          }        { Etatis 67.  
                  Mense Feb. die  
                  Vicesimo quarto.

**This Inscription is engraved on another Monument.**

*Heus*  
*Alibi Sistende, tantum*  
*Huc etiam advocanda*  
*Viator,*  
*Ad Lugubria pariter et letabundi funeris*  
*Dubiam pompam:*  
*Henrico Stanley.*  
*Patris Henrici Filio primogenito*  
*Ceteris orbatis liberis mox etiam unico,*  
*Cumulatoris Spei adolescentulo:*  
*(Heu!)*  
*Artium messem*  
*Virtutum Autumnum* } *in* { *Herbâ Grammaticali;*  
*Gratiarum triumphum* } *Vernâ innocentia;*  
*Virum perfectum* } *Tyrocinio morum;*  
 } *Germinè Tenello;*  
*Mors prævocavit invida:*  
*Poterat ornatio si diuturnior superasset.*  
*Abi, et mecum plora.*  
*Quin eidem*  
*(Vah!)*  
*Pro* { *Artibus, cognitionem intuitivum;*  
*Virtutibus, beatam Sanctimoniam;*  
*Gratiis; gloriam;*  
*Longivitate, cœternum*  
*Mors præstitit invidenda:*  
*Poterat desiderator, hæc Auspicator mori.*  
*Adi et mecum exilia.*  
*Utroque pathemate divinus pater posuit*  
*Obeunti* { *Anno* { *Dom. 1870.*  
 { *Etat. 14.*  
 { *Mense Aprillis*  
 { *Die 14.*

**A Stone at the Foot of this Monument has this Inscription.**

Francisca Stanley, Hen. et Margaretæ filiola biennis, vixit patri Curarum  
levamen Suave — matris Mortuæ Corpusculum hic pulveri, animula  
cælitum Choro Miscetur. Obiit Novemb. 28. 1661. non amissa, sed  
præmissa.

Hund. of  
Bacorum.

Another Inscription.

Thomæ Stanley *Suavissimo filio* 16. *Mensium spaciolo.*  
N<sup>o</sup>. et D<sup>o</sup>.

*Mæstissimus pater Henricus Londinensis medicus hac*  
*parentavit veniola.*

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Tibi, gnate, Uxo</i>     | <i>Breve et Cordeale</i>     |
| <i>Lucis, brevi fuo</i>     | <i>Carmen Tripedale,</i>     |
| <i>Citoque hîc concluso</i> | <i>Curto non stet male :</i> |
| <i>(Misero me deluso)</i>   | <i>Longum Nihil</i>          |
| <i>Hoc memoriale.</i>       | <i>Nisi Vale.</i>            |

D. D.

Obiit Sept. 24. 1658.

*Christi Senechdochiâ tibi parte revertor in istâ,*  
*Exige me totum, cum libet, absque Tropo.*

Another Stone hath this.

Henrici Stanley Filii, *Igniculi animæ in muto lucent corpusculi favilla, heic*  
*latent.*

On the same Stone.

Henrici Stanley, *Patris et Margaritæ Uxoris, etiam Cineres si requiras,*  
*heic suat.*

A Monument at the lower End of the Church, on the right Hand  
of the Belfrey, has this Inscription.

M. S.

Richardi Blower, Generosi,  
Christopheri Blower de ~~Ston~~ in Comitatus Oxoniensi  
Armigeri filii;

*Secundum Jesu Christi adventum expectans hic jacet*  
*pars Terrestris.*

7. Nov. die An. Christi, 1681. Et *Ætatis suæ*  
*quadragessimo nono, mortem obiit:*

*Sed non prius quàm erga Deum, Regem, Patriam,*  
*Et Johannem Comitem de Bridgewater Dominum suum*  
*ac herum optimum bene se gesserat :*

*In cujus memoriam Elizabetha (Johannis Oliver, Generosi de Billington*  
*in Comitatu Berburi Filia) hujus vero Uxor dolore multum gravata, cui*  
*duos filios nec filias pauciores (hos etiam omnes morte beatos) enixa est,*  
*Monumentum hoc posuit, ut quibus vivus optimè innotuit.*

*Mortuus non omnino è memoriâ excidat.*

Underneath this Monument, a Stone has this Inscription.

In hopes of a Blessed Resurrection, here lieth the Body of *Richard*  
*Blower, Gen. who exchanged this mortal life for immortality, Nov.*  
*1681, Ætat. 49.*

## GATESDEN, GADESSEN.

IN the time of *William the Conqueror, Edward de Sares-*  
*bury, Sheriff of the County, held this Vill, above a Mile*  
*distant from Little Gadesden towards the East, for it was*  
*then recorded in Domesdei Book, That*

*Domesd. Lib.*  
*fol 130.*

*In Banais Hundred. Edwardus de Saresburie tenuit Gatesdene pro sex*  
*hid. se defendebat. tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro quatuor hidis, sed*  
*un. existis se defendebat in Erunge Hundred. et hic apprecianda est. Terra*  
*est duodecim car. in Dominio duo hidæ et ibi sunt quatuor car. et quindecim*  
*Vill. cum Presbiter. habente sex car. et adhuc duo possunt fieri, ibi duo Bord.*  
*et un. coter. et octo Servi et un. Molin. de quinque sol. pratium un. car. et*  
*dimid. pastura ad pec. Ville Silca quingent. porc. in totis valentiis valet*

*vigint. et duo lib. quando recepit vigint. lib. tempore Regis Edwardi vigint. et quinque lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Uluuen die qua Rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus de Abbate Sancti Albani, non potuit mittere extra Ecclesiam sed post mortem suam redire debebat ad Ecclesiam ut Hundred. testatur.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

*Edward de Saresburie* held *Qadesene* in *Banais* Hundred, it was rated for six Hides in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) and now for four Hides, but one of these is rated in *Errunge* Hundred and is here appraised. The arable is twelve Carucates, in Deamesne two Hides, and there are four Carucates, and fifteen Villains with a Presbiter or Priest, having six Carucates, and now two others may be made, there are two Bordars, and one Cottager, and eight Servants and one Mill, of five Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow one Carucate and an half, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed five hundred Hogs in Pannage time; in the whole Value it is worth two and twenty Pounds by the Year, when he received it twenty Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) five and twenty Pounds; *Wulwen* held this Mannor of the Abbot of *St. Albans* on the day wherein King *Edward* was alive and dead, he could not take it away from the Church, but after his Death he ought to return it to the Church as the Hundred can witness.

This *Edward de Saresbury* was the younger Son of *Walter de Ewrus*, Earl of *Rosmar*, one of the puissant Normans, who accompaied Duke *William* in that Expedition for the Conquest of this Realm, to whom he gave the Lordships of *Saresburie* and *Ambrusberie*, in Consideration of his Valour and good Service in that signal Battle, where the Duke obtained the Victory; after which this *Edward* was born in England, surnamed *Saresburie* from the Lordship *Saresbury* where he then dwelt, and was the Progenitor of the ancient Lords of *Saresbury*; and for the eminent Merits of his Father, *William* the Conqueror, bestowed on him two Lordships in *Dorsetshire*, three in *Somersetshire*, three and thirty in *Wiltshire*, two in *Bantshire*, one in *Surry*, one in *Middlesex*, two in *Buckinghamshire*, and two in this County, all which he possesed at the time when that memorable Survey was made. He was a Standard Bearer to King *H. I.* Anno 20 of his Reign, in that famous Battle at *Brenesble* in *Normandy*, where he behaved himself with singular Courage and Military Skill in the Presence of the King, who was victorious; he left Issue *Walter* and *Maud* married by the Appointment of *William Rufus* to *Humphry de Bohun*.

*Walter* wedded *Sibilla de Caworth*, by whom he had Issue *Patrick*, and surviving his Wife, took the Habit of a Cannon in the Priory of *Bradensstoke* in the County of *Wilt*s, which was of his own Foundation. He died there, and was buried with her in one Grave near the Quire.

*Patric* was his Heir, and Steward of the Household to Queen *Maud*, who advanced him to the Title and Dignity of Earl of *Salisbury*: He married *Maud*, and after her Decease *Ela* one of which Wives was Daughter of the Earl of *Bonthieu* by whom he had Issue *William*; but in his Attendance upon Queen *Eleanor* Wife to Queen *H. II.* he was slain by *Guy de Lezinian* upon his Return from a Pil-



*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

grimace, which he made to *St. James* in *Gallitia*, and was buried at *St. Willmar*.

*William* succeeded him in the Earldom of *Salisbury*, and at the Coronation of King *R. I.* bore the Golden Sceptre with the Dove on the Head of it; he married *Eleanor de Vitrei*, and died *Anno 1196*, *8 R. I.* leaving Issue.

*Ela*, who was his sole Daughter and Heir, from whom I guess this Mannor might come to *Roger Zouch*, who was a Branch of the Earls of *Britany*, for he held it in the time of King *John*, who gratifi'd him with the Grant of several Mannors for his Loyalty, and upon his Death it descended to

*Alan*, who was his Son and Heir, and married *Elene* one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Roger de Quincy*, Earl of *Winchester*: Some say that *John* Earl *Warren* killed this *Alan* upon a Quarrel at *Westminster Hall*, touching some Title of Land, but he was only wounded, for it appears by the Inquisition taken after his Death, that he died in the 54th Year of *H. III.* which was about two Years after, leaving Issue

*One Warr. 6  
Ed. I. Rot. 34,  
cur. recept.  
Seac.*

*Roger la Zouch*, who was then twenty eight Years old, and *Eudo* his younger Son. He claimed *An. 6 Edw. I.* before *John de Rygate* and others Justices, Itinerants at *Berford*, to have in this Mannor the View of *Frano-Pledge*, the Correction of *Assize* of Bread and Ale, *Tumbrel*, *Gallows*, *Waife*, and *Free-Warren*, with divers other Liberties, and they were allowed, and leaving Issue

*Esc. 13 Ed. I.  
n. 30.  
Rot. Vasc. 92  
Ed. I. 24 Ed.  
I.  
Rot. Seac.  
16 Ed. I.*

*Alan de Zouch*, who was his Son and Heir, and succeeded him; he was a Person of a warlike Spirit, for he was several times in the Wars of *Gascoigne*, *Bourdeaux*, and *Scotland*, and *Anno 7 Edward II.* died seiz'd of this Mannor, and the Advowson of this Parish Church, leaving *Ellen*, the Wife of *Nicholas St Maur*, at that time 26 Years of Age; *Maud* the Wife of *Robert de Holland* 24 Years of Age; and *Elizabeth* then a Nun at *Bremode* in the County of *Stafford*, 20 Years of Age, his Daughters and Heirs. Between whom Partition was made in 8 *Edward II.* of all the Land descended to them from their Father, and this Mannor was equally divided between the said *Ellen*, and the said *Maud*.

*Dugd. Bar  
vol. 1, fol 690.*

*Rot. Seac. 27  
Ed. I. m. 17.  
29 Ed. I. m. 5.  
31 Ed. I. m.  
12. Rot. Esc.  
10 Ed. II. n.  
59.  
Dugd. Bar.  
vol. 2, fol. 89.  
Cart. 2 Ed. II.  
n. 48.  
Claus 12 Ed.  
II. m. 23.  
Claus. 15 Ed.  
II. m. 2.*

*Nicholas St. Maur*, the Husband of *Ellen*, was in several Expeditions made into *Scotland*, summon'd to the Parliament held 8 *Ed. II.* and died 10th of that King's Reign, seized of the Moyety of this Mannor in her Right, leaving by her *Thomas*, his Son and Heir, nine Years of Age, after his Decease she married *Alan de Cherleton*, who left Issue by her, from whom the *Cherletons* of *Appelton*, descended.

But to return to *Maud* the Wife of *Robert Holland*, to whom the other Moyety of this Church was allotted. He

was summoned to Parliament among the Barons of this Realm from 8 *Edw. II.* to the 14th of the same King.

But upon that Insurrection made by *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*, Anno 15 *Edw. II.* he promised to bring all the Power he could raise to his Assistance, but he failing, that Earl (being then at his Castle of *Tutbury* in *Com. Stafford*) fled Northwards, was taken at *Boroughbridge* in the County of *York*, and when this *Robert* had Notice thereof, he rendered himself to the King at *Derby*, and was sent Prisoner to *Dober Castle*, which unfaithful Act to his Lord (who had raised him from nothing) drew such a general Hatred upon him from the People, that they taking him into a Wood near *Henry Parke* towards *Windsor*, beheaded him on the Nones of *October*, and Sir *Thomas Wyther*, Kt. and some other Private Friends sent his Head to *Henry Earl of Lancaster*, then at *Waltham-Cross* in this County. He left Issue by this *Maud* four Sons, *Robert* 16 Years of Age at his Fathers Death, *Thomas* who became a great Man, *Alan* who had the Mannors of *Balbury* and *Werksworth* in the County of *Derby*, and *Otho* who was elected into the Society of the most noble Order of the Garter by King *E. III.* at the time of its Foundation, but afterwards accompanying his Brother *Thomas* into *Britany*, 29 *Edw. III.* was taken Prisoner at *Craunsors* in *France*, and died in those Parts, 33 *Edw. III.* leaving

Sir *Robert Holland*, Kt. his elder Brother, his next Heir, who was forty Years of Age, was engaged in several Expeditions into *France*, and having been summon'd to Parliament from 16 *Edw. III.* until the 46th of that King's Reign dyed 16 *March*, 47 *Edw. III.* leaving Issue

*Maud*, his sole Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *John Lovel*, Kt. seventeen Years of Age, but afterwards all this Mannor of *Chadesden* came to the Possession of

*John Holland*, Earl of *Huntingdon*, who married *Anne* the Widow of *Edmond Martin* Earl of *Marsh*, Daughter of *Edmond* Earl of *Stafford*, in the 8th Year of *H. VI.* was joyned in Commission with the Earl of *Northumberland* in the 14th Year of the same King's Reign, for guarding the East and West Marshes towards *Scotland*, and also constituted Admiral of *England*, *Aquitain*, and advanced by Letters Patents dated 6th of *January*, 21 *H. VI.* at *Windsor*, to the Title of Duke of *Exeter*, (which Dignity his Father lost by Attainder 1 *Hen. IV.*) with this special Priviledge, That he and his Heirs Males should have Place and Seat in all Parliaments and Councils next to the Duke of *York* and his Heirs Males, and was constituted Anno 24 *H. VI.* Lord High Admiral of *England*, *Ireland*, and *Aquitain* for his Life, his Son *Henry* being also joyned with him in the Grant for his Life : and made in the same Manner, Constable of the *Tower* with his Son, on the 25th of *H. VI.*

*Head. of  
Bacorum.*

*Claus. de iud.  
annis in dorso.  
H. Kaington,  
2540.  
Ber. of Engl.  
vol. 2, fol. 73.*

Anno 1328. 2  
Ed. III.

Rot. Franc.  
29 Ed. III.  
m. 7.

Rot. Franc.  
16, 19, 20, 22,  
& 29 Ed. III.

Claus. 8 H. VI  
m. 20.  
Rot. Scac. 14  
H. VI. m. 5.  
Pat. 14 H. VI.  
p. 1, m. 23.

Pat. 21 H. VI.

Pat. 24 H. VI.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*  
*Warr. Mon.*  
p. 425.

But in the ensuing Year he died, leaving Issue by *Anne* his first Wife, only *Henry*, who was his Son and Heir, and by *Anne* his last Wife, *Anne* a Daughter, first married to *John* Lord *Nevil* the Son and Heir of *Ralph Nevil*, the second Earl of *Westmoreland* of that Family, by whom having no Issue, she took to Husband Sir *John Nevil*, Kt. Uncle to her former Husband; but

*Pat. 20 H. VI.*  
p. 2, m. 17.  
*Dugd. Bar.*  
vol. 2, fol. 82.

*Henry* was Heir to his Father, and tho' he had not at that time accomplisht his full Age, yet in Consideration of his Father's Services, he obtained Livery of all his Castles, Mannors, and Lands in *England* and *Wales*, in the 28th Year of King *H. VI.*

*Stow's Annals,*  
*Ibid.*

And the same King in Recompence of his Services, *An.* 38th of his Reign, granted to him the Office of Constable of *Fotheringay* Castle for Life, which by Forfeiture of *Richard* Duke of *York* came to the Crown.

*Ibid.*

But soon after the Lancastrians being totally routed at *Toton* field, he escaped thence, and fled with the Duke of *Somerset* and some others to *York*, where the King and Queen then were, and went thence with them into *Scotland*, whereupon King *Henry* was deposed, and he with many others were attainted in the ensuing Parliament begun at *Westminster*, 1 *Edw. IV.*

*Rot. Parl.*  
1 Ed. IV.

*Stow's Annals*

After which he appeared again in Arms with the Lancastrians at *Bernade-field*, where he fought manfully till he was sore wounded, and left for dead from seven of the Clock in the Morning till four in the Afternoon, and then being brought to the House of one of his Servants called *Ruthland*, he had a Chyrurgeon, and was afterwards conveyed to the Sanctuary at *Westminster*; but in 13th *Edw. IV.* was found dead in the Sea betwixt *Dover* and *Calais*, tho' not known how he came thither. He married *Anne* Daughter of *Richard* Duke of *York*, and Sister to King *Edw. IV.* but having no Issue by her, she the 12th of *Novemb. 1472*, (12 *Edw. IV.*) was at her own Suit divorced from him. After his Decease this Mannor came to the Crown, and King *Henry VII.* by Letters Patents dated 27th of *October*, 1 *Regni sui*, created

*Ibid.*

*Enc. 15 Ed.*  
IV. n. 36.  
*Claus. 16 Ed.*  
IV. m. 10.  
*Dugd. Bar.*  
vol. 2, fol. 82.

*Pat. 1 H. VII.*

*Thomas* Lord *Stanley* (who was married to the King's Mother) Earl of *Derby*, by the Cincture of the Sword, to hold the said Title to him and the Heirs Males of his Body, with the annual Fee of 20*l.* and for the Support of his Honour gave unto him the Mannors of *Great Gradsden* and *Stagnow* near *St. Albans*, with their Appurtenances in this County: And this Mannor continued in this Name and Family until the Lady *Anne Stanley*, Lady *Strange*, and and the Ladies *Frances* and *Elizabeth Stanley* Daughters and Coheirs of *Ferdinando* Earl of *Derby*, by Indenture dated the 4th of *Jannary*, 43 *Eliz.* suffered a Recovery of this Mannor, and conveyed it to the Use of

*Cart. 43 Eliz.*  
*pences Com.*  
*Bridgewater.*

Sir Robert Cecil, Kt. Principal Secretary of State, one of her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and Master of her Highnesses Court of Wards and Liveries, and his Heirs, who by Deed dated the 8th of Feb. 44 Eliz. granted it to

Adolph Cary of Berkhamsted in this County, Esq. who was knighted at Whitehall, 3 Jac. I. and by Indenture dated the 7th of March, 4 Jac. I. conveyed it to Richard Speed of Berkhamsted, and his Heirs, declaiming the Use of himself and the Heirs of his Body, and for Default of such Issue to the Use of Sir Philip Cary his Brother, and the Heirs of his Body, and for Want of such Issue, to the right Heirs of the said Adolph for ever; but this Sir Adolph dying without Heirs of his Body, this Mannor came to

Sir Philip Carey of Cadington in this County, Kt. who with Sir Henry Carey of Berkhamsted in this County, Kt. by Indenture dated the 20th of May, 9 Jac. I. granted this Mannor to

Sir Thomas Egerton, Kt. Lord Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor of England, and Sir John Egerton, Kt. Son and Heir apparent of the said Lord Ellesmere, to the Use of the said Lord Ellesmere, and Sir John Egerton, and the Heirs of the Body of the said Lord Ellesmere, and for Default of such Issue, to the right Heirs of the said Lord Ellesmere for ever, with a Covenant that the said Sir Henry Carey and his Wife should levy a Fine of this Mannor to the Use of this Deed.

From which Lord Ellesmere this Mannor came to

The right Honourable John Earl of Bridgewater, who is the true Descendant of that noble Family, and the present Lord hereof.

#### *The Mannor of SOUTHAL*

IS another Lordship in the same Parish, which was heretofore Parcel, of the Possessions of the Family of the Clerks, and Anno 13 Jac. I. Henry Clerk the elder was Lord hereof, he conveyed it to

Henry Clerk of Uxling, and Elizabeth his Wife, who by their Indenture dated the 16th Day of October, 14 Car. I. granted the same to

Henry Lake of Buckland in the County of Bucks, and to his Heirs and Assignes for ever, who by Indenture dated the 20th of May, 1658, granted this Mannor to

John Halsey of Gadenston, Esq. and Thomas Bampfurd of Ashridge, Gent. and their Heirs; they by their Indenture dated the 4th Day of October, 16 Car. II. granted it.

To the Right Honourable John Earl of Bridgewater, from whence it came to John Earl of Bridgewater, who was his Son, and is now the present Lord hereof.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

Cart. 44 Eliz.  
penes Com.  
Bridgewater.

Cart. 4 Jac. I.  
ibid.

Cart. 9 Jac. I.  
ibid.

Cart. 13 Jac.  
II. ibid.

Cart. 14 Car.  
I. ibid.

Cart. 16 Car.  
II. ibid.

*Hund. of  
Baron.*

**T**HIS Rectory is appropriated to the perpetual Use of *John Halsey* Esq. and it lyes in the Deanery of *Northampton*, in the Diocess of *Linc.* and Anno 26 *Henry VIII.* this Vicaridge was valued in the King's Books at the yearly Rate of 10*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* and *John Halsey*, Esq. is Patrom hereof.

This Church is situated about the Middle of this Vill, and is cover'd with Lead, having a square Tower annexed to the West End thereof, wherein are four Bells, and a short Spire erected upon it.

A glorious Monument of white Marble erected on the South Side near the East Window in the Chancel, in Memory of Sir *John Halsey*, bearing the lively Portraiture of his Person on the Top, and hath this Inscription.

H. S. E.

*Johannes Halsey, Eq. Aur.  
Vir miri Candoris et multiplicis Scientiæ.  
Nec minoris Modestis*

*In Quo  
Religio Literæ, et Virtutes,  
Tanquam in Collegio æverianles coaluere  
Præsidi vel ipsâ Juris prudentiâ  
Quippe*

*Quam Græciâ Juventutem expolierit } Quam ex Hospitiis Hinc: Jura  
Societate et Sanguine Wiccha- } percalluere Spectata Probitatis  
micus. } et Peritia I C:*

*Æquitatem denud excoluit Cancellariæ Magister,  
Bono publico magis quàm sibi Notus.*

*Denatus est Anno } Æræ Christianæ 1670  
} Ætatis suæ L V.*

*Ite Viri*

*Habetis vel abhinc quo amissam Lugentis  
Bonæ Justitiæ et Egeni Charitatem.  
Sed*

*Immortale cui desiderium reliquit  
Qua Maritus qua Pater.*

Underneath a fair Marble Stone with the Coat of Arms proper to the Family covering the Body, with this Inscription.

*Johannes Halsey Miles.*

*Obiit xxix. Junii*

*Anno Domini MDCLXX.*

*Ætat. L V.*

A comely Marble Monument on the East End of the Chancel, next the Window on the right Hand, fixed in the Wall, with this Inscription.

*Judithæ Halsey*

*Uxori Johannis merito Charissimæ*

*Filiis inter et Cohæred. Jacobi Necton, Arm. natu max.*

*Post Filios quinq; juxta hic reconditos.*

*Anno Ætat. xxxi. Conjugis xvi.*

*In Puerperio xi. febre viticula in Patriam redeunti*

*Apriliæ xxv. MDCLVIII.*

*Epibaterium.*

*Cui fas sic Accingere*

*In { Fem. Christianâ Charitatem  
Matre familiâs Prudentiam  
Conjuge Suavitatem*

*Majorem (absit Invidia) vocat forte an Quisquam  
Experietur Nemo*

*Ista sciens Præsens ævum Credensq. futurum  
Beatam utrumq; prædicet.*

On the Floor underneath a fair Marble covering her Body with the Coat of Arms, and the Inscription thus.

*Judith Halsey*

*Wife of John Halsey, Esq;*

*April xxv. MDCLVIII.*

On the North Side of the Chancel a fair Marble with a Coat of Arms, and this Inscription.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

Necton Halsey, Armiger  
Fil. Joh: Halsey, Mil.  
Sextus  
Maximus Tamen Natus  
Obiit xli. Dec.  
Anno Domini MDCLXX.  
Ætat. Plus quam  
XIX.

On the same Side a comely Marble Monument fixed in the Wall, with this Inscription.

P M S

Hic  
Communi Pulcherris Lecto  
Requiescunt Conjuges notæ fidei  
Guilielmus et } Halsey.  
Læticea. }  
Utriusq; Voto juxta positi Occube-  
runt circiter sexagenarii  
Ille Novem. 27. An. 1637.  
Hæc Junii 23. An. 1649.  
Ambo desideratissimi.

Hi  
Primogenitum Filium Lugerunt  
Robertum  
Ætat. 21. præreptum  
Filiam unicam reliquerunt  
Dorotheam  
Georg. Franklin, Ar. Nuptam  
Filiumq; unicum et Hæredem  
Johannem  
Qui Hæc Mærens posuit.

Anno Salut. MDCL  
Lector ab hinc æternitatem cogita.

At the Lower End of the Chancel, going into the Church, a handsome Marble, covering the Body, with this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Lætitia Halsey second Daughter of Sr. John Halsey, Kt. Decd. who dyed the 26. Day of December MDCLXXIX. in the 30. Year of her Age.

Near the Middle on the Chancel Floor lies a fair Marble covering the Body, with the Coat of Arms, underneath this Inscription.

M. S.  
Spe Resurgendi  
Hic jacet  
Christopherus Abdy, Armiger.  
Christopherus Abdy de Uxbridge.  
Equitis Aurati, Filius  
Qui  
Aug. xxi. An. Sal. MDCLXIV.  
Ætat. suæ xxxi  
Corpus Telleri Animam Deo reddidit  
Cui  
Maximissima Uxor Dorothea  
Johannes Halsey, Armigeri,  
Filia natus maximâ  
Hoc  
Amoris pariter sui ac Doloris  
Monumentum  
D. D.

Adjacent to a fair Marble as aforesaid, with Coat of Arms, and beneath inscribed thus.

M. S.  
Here lyeth the Body of Dorothy Abdy eldest Daughter of Sr. John Halsey of Great Gaddesden, Kt. 21. Years and upwards the faithful Widow of Christopher Abdy, Esq; Son and Heir of Christoph. Abdy of Uxbridge, Kt. a true example of Piety, Charity, and Chastity, dyed 16 April, An. Salutis MDCLXXXVI. Ætatis suæ XLI. Eximius brævis est ætas et rara senectus.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

• £100.

*At the lower End of the Church on the North Side Wall, a decent  
Marble is fixed with this Inscription*

Here lieth *Stephen Munn* born in this Parish, bred up in the Parsonage house in the place of a Cook, where he lived all this time a Pattern of a most faithful and desired Servant, and there dying he divided the Goods that God had given him, equally between the Vicar and the Poor of this Parish to continue for ever. And now expects that joyfal Eloge.

*Euge bone serve et fidelis.*  
He died Aged 51. 1656.

*There are besides two Marble Stones, very large, with Inscriptions thereon; but by their long date are much worn and made dim, that I can give no perfect Account.*

In the Middle Isle towards the West End there's a fair Marble plain on the Floor, with this Inscription.

*Deposuitum*  
Thomæ Wells

*Fili natu maximi Thomæ Wells super  
Parochia hujus, Generosi, In Uxorem duxit Aliciam Residuum Roberti  
Baldwin super de Chesham in Comitatu Buckingham. Generosi. qui e vi-  
vis excessit nono die October, Anno Dom. 1605.*  
*Ætatis sue 59.*

#### *Acts of CHARITY.*

Sir *John Halsey* gave to the Vicar of this Parish Church, by his last Will and Testament, a considerable Portion of the great Tythes for the Augmentation of his Revenue.

Also he gave 20*l.* to be lent to poor Tradesmen of this Parish by 5*l.* a piece, for their Help and Encouragement, giving Security for the Principal, without payment of any Interest, to continue as their Occasion requires.

Mrs. *Lettice Halsey*, second Daughter of Sir *John Halsey*, gave 20*l.* to be lent to poor Tradesmen of this Parish, in the manner as aforesaid.

Mrs. *Dorothy Abby*, the eldest Daughter of Sir *John Halsey*, gave 20*s.* to be distributed every Year at Christmas for her Life, among eight poor old Widows of this Parish, and at her Death she continued the payment of the same Annuity for ever.

*Stephen Munne* gave all his Goods, which were valued at 100*l.* to be divided equally between the Vicar, and the Poor of this Parish.

## *STUDHAM.*

### *The Mannor of BARWITH.*

IS Parcel of the Vill of *Studdham*, scituated about three Miles Distance from *Great Graysden* towards the North in the County of *Bucks*, whereof this Mannor lies in the County of *Bertrford*, and anciently belonged to the Crown, till such time that King *H. I.* gave it to the Church or Priory of *Dunstable*, which he founded by the Authority of Pope *Eugenius* the third, where he placed regular Canons, and it continued in that Church till the Dissolution thereof, when it came to the Crown.

In the time of Queen *Elizabeth* it was in the Possession of *Will. Belfield*, Citizen of *London*, who married the Daughter of *Pigot* in *Com. Cambridge*, by whom he had Issue,

*Mon. Angl.*  
vol. 1.  
*Camd. Brit.*  
*Cattieuchlan,*  
*Bedford.* fol.  
402.  
*Stow's Annals,*  
fol. 136.

*William Belfield*, who was his Heir, and married *Effam* Daughter to ——— *Morley*, by whom he had Issue, *John*, *Frances* married to *James Ward*, *Dorothy* to *Richard Lovet*, *Elizabeth* to ——— *Web*, *Ellen* to *Edward Brocket*, *Mary* to *John Alway* of *Stretly* in *Hertfordshire*, *Margaret* to *John Squire* of *Baldock*, *Amy* to ——— *Rochford* of *Baldock*, and *Alice* to *Tho. Bugg*.

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

*John* succeeded his Father in this Mannor, and married *Elizabeth* Daughter of *Richard Para* of *Great Chaddesden*, by whom he had Issue, *William*, *Richard*, *Ann* wedded to *George Wingate*, *Jane*, *Mary*, and *Elizabeth*.

This *William* married ——— Daughter of ——— by whom he had Issue *Henry Belfield*, who is the present Possessor hereof.

## KENSWORTH.

THIS Vill was denominated in all Probability from some Possessor hereof, whose Habitation was here. 'Tis scituated about a Mile distant from *Stubbam* towards the East, belongeth to the Church of *St. Paul*, *London*, and King *Edward* the Confessor was Lord hereof, and gave it to the same Church, which Church held it in the time of the Conquest, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded that

*In Banais Hundred. Canonici Londoniensis tenuerunt Keneswerthe pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est decem Carucate. in dominio quinq; hidas, et ibi sunt duo car. et adhuc tres possunt fieri, ibi octo Vill. cum tribus Bordis habentibus duo car. et adhuc tres possunt fieri, ibi quatuor Servi, pastura ad pec. Silva centum porc. et de redditu Silva duo sol. in totis valentiis valent septuagint. sol. Quando recepit centum sol. et consuetudine tempore regis Edwardi. Hoc Manerium tenuit Lewinus Cilt de Rege Edwardo.*

The Cannons of *London* held *Kenworth* in *Banais Hundred*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is ten Carucates, in Demeasue five Hides, and there are two Carucates, and now three more may be made, there are eight Villains with three Bordars having two Carucates, and now three others may be made, there are four Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed an hundred Hogs in Pannage time, and for the Rent of the Wood two Shillings a Year; in the whole Value it is worth seventy Shillings, when he received it an hundred Shillings, and Rent in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor;) *Lewin Cilt* held this Mannor of King *Edward* (the Confessor.)

The Dean of *St. Paul*, in *London*, Anno 6 *Edward* I. held in *Watingdon*, and *Kenworth*, the Jurisdiction of Court-Leet, and View of Franc-Pledge, and Gallows, Tumbrel, and Assize of Bread and Ale.

Since which time the Dean and Chapter of that Church, have been possess of this Mannor, and have from time to time held Courts here, where there is a Custom that every Tenant upon Admission to his Coppihold, pays as well, upon Descent as Purchase, a Fine certain of one Penny and no

*Quo Warr. 6  
Ed. I. Rot. 56.  
cur. recept.  
Scac.*



*Hund. of  
Becorum.*  
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more, tho' the Value of the Land be great or small; and there is the like Custom for a Relief for their free Lands.

THIS Rectory is appropriated to the perpetual Use of the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's, London*; and lyes in the Deanery of *Berthamsted*. in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, and this Vicaridge *Anno 26 Henry VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's, London*, are the Patrons hereof.

CADINGDONE

IS a Mile distant from *Hensworth* North East, which Mannor King *Athelstan* gave among others to the Cannons of the Church of *St. Paul, London*, takes its Name from the Hill or Down on which 'tis scituated, and when *William* the Conqueror made that memorable Survey of *Domesdei*, it was recorded that

*Dugd. of St.
Paul, fol. 4,
18, 194.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 3, fol. 307.*

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 83.*

In Banais Hundred. Canonici Lundenienses tenebant Cadingdone pro decem hidis ac defendebat. Terra est decem car. in dominio quatuor hide, et ibi est una car. et adhuc tres possunt ee. ibi viginti. et duo Vill. habentes sex car. ibi quinque Bord. et duo Servi, pastura ad pec. Silva centum porcis, et duo solid. in totis valent. valet centum et decem sol. quando recepit sex lib. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc Maner. tenuit Leinus de Rege Edwardi.

The Cannons of *London* held *Cadingdon* in *Banais Hundred*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is ten Carucates, in *Demeasne* four Hides, and there is one Carucate, and now three more may be made, there are two and twenty Villains having six Carucates, there are five Bordars, and two Servants, Common of Pasture for the Cattle, Wood to feed an hundred Hogs in Pannage time, and two Shillings Rent by the Year; in the whole Value it is worth one hundred and ten Shillings by the Year, when he received it six Pounds, and Rent in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor,) *Lewine Cilt* held this Mannor of *King Edward* (the Confessor.)

*Plac. A Johan.
Rot. 11, in
dorso recept.
Scac.*

'Twas agreed between *Roger de Tony, William, Thomas,* and *Richard* Archdeacon of *Essex,* *Robert* the Clerk, *Roger, Robert* the Son of *Roger,* *Abel* the Son of *Edwic, Robert Forestar,* *William* the Son of *William,* and *Baldwin Pulein,* touching the Common of Pasture between *Haten-don* and *flamsted,* to wit, that all the Wood which is between *Wikesland* to *Wetford* shall remain to the Treasurer and Cannons of *St. Paul,* and all the Plain that is out of that Wood towards the North, shall remain to *Roger,* and from *Wetford* to *Papiate,* all the Wood remaining to the Cannons of *St. Paul* according to the Bounds set there, and the Residue of the Wood, with the Plane towards the North, shall remain to *Roger,* according to the said Bounds, &c. yet neither Party shall cut off *Walter de Luton,* for that he came and claimed Common in the Portion of either Part.

*Quo Warr. 6
Ed. 1. Rot. 59,
in dorso re-
cept. Scac.*

The Dean of *St. Paul's Church* in *London* held Jurisdiction here of a Court of View of Franc-pledge in *Hatpu.*

Don and Hensworth, and had all things belonging to it, and had Gallows, Tumbrel, and Assize of Bread and Ale, &c.

Since which time the Dean and Chapter of that Church have been Lords of this Mannor, and have continually held Court Leetes, and View of Franc-pledge, and Court Barons there, and have enjoyed the Profits hereof to this Day; and you may read the Priviledges which several Kings have granted to the Church of *Pauls* in this Mannor, in the Parish of *St. Dunstons*.

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Bacorum.*

The Priory of ST. TRINITY in the WOOD.

NEAR *Merkat*, *Geoffrey*, Abbot of *St. Albans*, built the Church of the *Holy Trinity* of the *Wood*, and the other Buildings, twice from the Foundation, at the Costs and Charges of that Church, and granted without the Consent of the Convent, all their Tyths of *Catshe*, and two Parts of their Tyth Corn of all the Parish of *St. Dunstons* to the same Church.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 350.*

Ralph, the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul*, London, in the Year of our Lord 1145, granted of their Charity for ever, all that their Ground and Scite whereon their Monastery of the *Holy Trinity* is built, in their Territory of *Cadendone*, as the Ditch contained, and the Wood which was between the Ditch and *Whalingstreet*, otherwise *Whalingestreet*, which contained in Length three Roods and thirty Perches, to *Christina* and her Successors, in the said Monastery, so that every Year she should pay three Shillings to the Chapter of *St. Paul*, for the Acknowledgement of the Ground; but the Wood should remain undestroyed for the Benefit of the Monastery; and that whosoever should succeed her, should be chosen by the Nuns residing there, and ordained by the said Chapter, that she and the succeeding Prioress should swear Fealty to the Chapter for their Tenure, and also that the then Nuns should swear Fealty to the Chapter, and that they should not receive any succeeding Prioress without the said Oath of Fealty to the said Chapter, and that the succeeding Nuns should be sworn to their Prioress in their Chapter.

*Ibid vol. 2,
fol. 872.*

The Petition of three poor Nuns of Mergate.

*We three pore Nuns of Mergate
Writiously complayneth to your gud estate
Of one *St. John* of Whipesuade,
Who hath stopp'd our watergate.
Which too stons and a stake
Helpe us Lord for Christ his sake.*

*Weav. Fun.
Mon. fol. 565.*

But upon the Dissolution of small Monasteries, this Priory came to the Crown.

*Hand. of
Bosorum.*

FLAMSTED.

Norden, p. 15.

*Stillingsf. An.
of the British
Churches,
fol. 79.
Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
264.*

THIS Vill is seated upon an Hill, about two Miles distant towards the South from Caddington, and was anciently termed *Verlamsted* from the River *Verlam* which riseth here; and the Word *Verlamsted* proving tedious in Pronunciation, was by Contraction called *flamsted*; but others hold it was denominated from a Seat which the *Flamines* held in the time of the *Britains*, a common Name given to all the Priests in the Roman Cities; and the *Flamen Divorum omnium* was the Chief Priest among them; they were called *Flamines* from a Thred or String (as *Varo* saith) with which they bound their Heads, some *Pileamines* from a Cap they wore; and from sacrificing they were termed Priests; and every one of them performed the proper Offices and Duties that belonged to their particular Gods; at first they were only three. 1. *Jupiter* had his *Flamen Dialis*. 2. *Mars* his *Flamen Martialis*. 3. *Romulus* his *Flamen Quirinalis*; and afterwards every God had his *Flamen*. But to proceed to this Vill: *Leofstane* the Abbot of *St. Albans*, gave this Mannor unto three Knights, *Turnot*, *Waldese*, and *Turman*, to defend and secure this Country against Thieves in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor.

But when *William* the Conqueror had subdued this Realm, he took it from them and gave it to *Roger de Todeney* or *Torry*, a noble *Norman* (saith *Camden*.) others say to *Ralph de Tony*, who was the Son of *Roger* and Standard Bearer to *William* the Conqueror in that great Battle against *Harold* whereby he obtained the Crown of this Realm, as appears by *Domesdei*, where 'tis recorded under the Title of *Terra Radulfi Todenii*.

*Domesd. Lib.
vol. 138, u. 22.*

In *Banais Hundred*. *Radulphus de Todeney tenuit flamestede pro quatuor hidis se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro duabus. Terra est duodecem car. in dominio duo hidæ, et ibi sunt duo car. et viginti et duo Vill. habentes octo car. et adhuc duo possunt ee. ibi septem colarii; et quatuor Servi. Siloa mille porcis, in totis valentiis undecem lib. tempore regis Edwardi duodecem lib. Hoc Manerium tenuit Achi Teignus Regis Edwardi.*

Ralph de Todeney held *flamsted* in *Banais Hundred*, it was rated for four Hides in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) and now for two Hides. The arable is twelve Carucates in Demeasne two Hides, and there are two Carucates, and two and twenty Villains having eight Carucates, and now two others may be made, there are seven Cottagers, and four Servants, Wood to feed a thousand Hogs in Pannage time; in the whole Value it is worth eleven Pounds by the Year, when he received it nine Pounds, and in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) twelve Pounds, *Achina* a Thane of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Mannor.

*Ortl. Vñ. fol.
576, 689.*

This *Ralph de Todeney* did afterwards make this Place his chief Residence, and married *Elizabeth*, or as others say, *Isabel* the Daughter of *Simon de Montford*, by whom he had

Issue *Roger*, who died in the Life-time of his Father, *Ralph* who succeeded him, and *Godechild*, first married to *Robert* Earl of *Mellent* and afterwards to *Baldwin* Son of *Eustace* Earl of *Moelin*; and he died the 9th *Kal. Apr. An. 1102*, 2 *H. I.* and was buried with his Ancestors in the Abby of *Conchts* in *Normandy*.

This *Ralph* married *Judith* one of the Daughters of *Walthe* Earl of *Huntingdon* and *Northumberland*, by whom he had Issue *Roger* and *Hugh*, and divers Daughters, then died

Roger, was his Heir, married the Daughter of the Earl of *Denault*, and died *Anno 1162*, 8 *H. II.* leaving Issue only

Roger, who was very young at the time of his Father's Death, whom the Jury found *Pas. 7 & 8* of King *John*, that he despoiled *William de Ely*, *Robert de Alfay*, and others, of the Common of Pasture belonging to his Free Tenants of *flamsted*.

Ralph succeeded, who was in Armes against King *John*, with the Rest of the rebellious Barons of that time, for which in the 18th of his Reign that King granted unto *Walleray Tey*s, this Mannor of *flamsted* towards the Charge of defending the Castle of *Berkhamsted*; but it seems that in the time of *H. III.* he was received into Favour among the other Barons; and being signed with the Cross, among divers other Nobles in the Year 1239, 23 *H. III.* he took a Journey to the Holy Land, and about *Michaelmas* following, died on the Sea; and the Wardship of

Roger his Son and Heir by Reason of his Minority, was granted to *Humphry de Bohun* Earl of *Essex* and *Hertford*, adhered firmly to the King *Anno 48 H. III.* when the rebellious Barons gave him Battle at *Leuiz*, and took him Prisoner, for which they seized his Castle at *Birthingling*, and committed it to the Custody of *Henry de Hastings*, one of the most active Men of their Party; and died 5 *Edw. I.* leaving

Ralph his Son and Heir, twenty two Years of Age, who claimed upon a *Quo Warranto*, brought *Anno 6 Edw. I.* in this his Mannor of *flamsted*, View of Franc-pledge, Correction of the Assize of Bread and Ale, Infangtheife and Gallows, Free-warren, Easement from Suites, &c. in the County, and from all Pleas and Complaints which belonged to the Sheriff in the Hundred Court, and from the Plea of Murder and Theft, and they were allowed. He was in that Expedition made into *Gascon*, *Anno 22 Edw. I.* and died there, for which good Service his Executors obtained all the Profits of his Lands from the time of his Death until they were seized into the King's Hands; and he left Issue

Robert his Son and Heir, who did his Homage had Live-ry of his Inheritance *Anno 25 Edw. I.* and was the same Year in that Expedition made into *Gascon*, and that of

Hund. of Bacerum.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 469.

W. Gemet,
fol. 312.
Ord. Vi. fol.
813.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 479.

Fin. 7 & 8 Joh.

Bar. vol. 1.

Clans. 18 J.
m. 2.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 489.
Pat. 23 H. III.
m. 7.

Exc. 5 Ed. 1.
n. 30.

Que Warr. 6
Ed. 1. Rot. 36,
cur. recept.
in Scac.

Rot. Vasc. 23
Ed. 1. m. 1.
Rot. Fin. 23
Ed. 1. m. 6.
Clans. 25 Ed.
1. m. 11.
Rot. Vasc. 25
Ed. 1. m. 5.
Rot. Scac. 26
Ed. 1. m. 7.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

Rot. Cart. 27
Ed. I. n. 13.

Rec. 3 Ed. II.
n. 33.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 471.
Rot. J. Ross.
Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 231.

Ibid.

Ibid. fol. 232.

Rec. 43 Ed.
III. n. 19.

Rec. 32 Ed.
III. n. 27.
Rec. 43 Ed.
III.
Chanc. 44 Ed.
III. n. 21.

T. Walsingh.
fol. 243, n. 30.

Ibid. fol. 364.

Com. de anno
17 R. II.
pewes Archer.

Scotland made the Year following; he obtained a Charter from the King for a weekly Market on every *Thursday* in this Mannor, dated the 27 *Edw. I.* and a Fair yearly on the Eve, Day, and Morrow after the Feast of *St. Leonard*, and five Days following; and he died seiz'd of this Mannor without Issue, 3 *Edw. II.* and

Alice the Widow of *Thomas Leyborn* was found to be his Sister and Heir, and at that time twenty six Years of Age, who soon after married *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Gloucester*, by whom he had Issue *Thomas* who succeeded his Father in his Honour, and *John* a martial Knight; and *Maud* married to *Geoffry Lord Say*; *Emme* to *Rowland Odingells*; *Isabel* to ——— *Clinton*; *Elizabeth* to *Thomas Lord Asteley*; and *Lucia* to *Robert de Naptun*.

Thomas succeeded, and was very young at the time of his Father's Death, but when he arrived at the Years of Action, he gave large Testimonies of his great Courage and Valour, for he was seldom out of some great and memorable Employment; and in the War near *Callitz* fell sick of the Pestilence, and died the 13 *Nov. Anno 43 Edw. III.* leaving divers Children, *Guy, Thomas, Reynburn, William, and Roger*, and nine Daughters.

Guy his eldest Son received the Honour of Knighthood, in 29 *Edw. III.* married *Philippa* Daughter to *Henry Lord Ferrers of Trep*, and had Issue *Katharine, Elizabeth, and Margaret*. He was a stout Soldier, but in 32 *Edw. III.* died at *Vendosme* in *France*, and leaving *Katharine* and *Elizabeth* his Heirs, but his Father surviving

Thomas the second Son succeeded, being then 24 Years of Age, did his Homage and had Livery of his Lands; he was also a great Souldier, and the Commons in Parliament chose him, being a Man most just and prudent, *Anno 3 R. II.* Governour of the King, who was then very young; but before he arrived to Man's Estate he took the Reigns of Government into his own Hands, or suffered them to be guided by those Favorites, whose Miscarriages were the Cause of his Ruin; and about a Year following, the King assembling his Nobles, told them he was now of Age to govern himself and the Kingdom, and changed some of his great Officers whereof this Earl was one, who thenceforth retiring himself built that strong and stately Tower standing in the North-end corner of *Warwick Castle*, which cost 395*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* and the whole Body of the Collegiate Church in *Warwick*; But from that time he could never regain the King's Favour; for afterwards the King inviting him to a Feast, who suspecting no Danger came thither, but soon found it otherwise, for there he was arrested and carried away Prisoner; and putting himself upon the Parliament for Justice, had Judgment of Death passed upon him; which hard Sentence, the King

at the Instance of the Earl of *Salisbury* suspended, and instead thereof he was banish'd to the Isle of *Man*, and the King gave his Castle and Mannor of *Chartwick*, and divers of his Mannors and Lordships unto *Thomas Holland*, Earl of *Hert*, and to the Heirs Males of his Body, but in 1 *H. IV.* all that had been in the Parliament of 21 *R. II.* was made void, and this Earl *Thomas* was then restored to his full Liberty, Honour, and Possessions, and he died on 8th *April*, 1401, 2 *H. IV.* leaving Issue *Richard*, and was buried in the South Part of the Collegiate Church at *Chartwick*, under a fair Monument of Marble, with *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter to *William Lord Ferrers of Groby*, who also died 22 *Jan.* 1406, 6 *H. IV.*

Earl *Richard* her Son being then 25 Years of Age, was made Knight of the Bath at the Coronation of King *H. IV.* did his Homage, and had Livery of his Lands; the fourth Year of the same King he gave Evidence of his Valour against that great Rebel *Owen Glendours*, whose Banner he took, put him to Flight; performed the like Service against the *Percies* in that memorable Battle of *Shrewsbury*, and soon after was made Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter; he was in great Esteem with King *H. V.* at whose Coronation he was constituted High Steward of *England* for that Solemnity; and made a Commissioner to treat with others from the King of *France*, touching a firm Peace between both Crowns, and a Marriage betwixt King *Henry* and *Katharine* Daughter to the King of *France*, for the better Security thereof. When King *H. V.* died, he appointed by his Will, that this Earl should have the Government of his Son, then an Infant, until the 16th Year of his Age, and the Parliament approv'd thereof; in 9 *H. VI.* he founded that Chantry of *Guy's Cliff* in that very Place whereunto the famous *Guy* of *Chartwick*, after his many renowned Exploits, retired and led an Hermit's Life; and before this Foundation a small Chappel and a Cottage, whereon an Hermit dwelt only stayed there; to which Chantry he gave the Mannor of *Ashborn in Com. Chartwick*, with one Messuage and one Carucate of Land, and 5*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* yearly Rent, lying in *Chartwick* and *Wellsburn*, for the Maintenance of two Priests, who were obliged daily to sing Mass in the Chappel for the good Estate of himself and his Wife during their Lives, and afterwards for the Health of their Souls, and the Souls of all their Parents and Friends, and all the faithful deceased, and he caused a large and goodly Statue of the famous *Guy* to be placed there. He married *Elizabeth* Daughter and Heir of *Thomas Lord Berkley*, by whom he had three Daughters, *Margaret* born at *Goodrest* in *Wedgecroft* near *Chartwick*, the next Year after the Battle of *Shrewsbury*, second

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*

Freimart, vol. 2, fol. 292.

Pat. 20 *R. II.*
p. 3, *m.* 8.
Rot. Pat. 1
H. VI. n. 112.

Exc. 2 *H. IV.*
n. 50.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 243.

Pat. 1 *H. V.*
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Wife to the famous *John Talbot*, Earl of *Sherburn*; *Eleanor* born at *Warkington* in *Essex*, shortly after the Feast of our Ladies Nativity, 9 H. IV. first married to the Lord *Roos*, afterwards to *Edmond Beaufort*, Marquess of *Dorset* and Duke of *Somerset*; and *Elizabeth* born in *Warwick-castle*, Wife to *George Nevil*, Lord *Latimer*; and after the Decease of *Elizabeth*, he married *Isabel* Daughter of *Thomas le Spencer* Earl of *Gloicester*, who by the Death of her Brother *Richard* and elder Sister *Elizabeth*, without Issue, became Heir to all their Lands: He had Issue by her *Henry* and *Anne*, and died on the 29th of *April*, 1439, 17th of H. VI. at the Castle of *Roan* in *Normandy*.

Henry at the time of his Father's Death, was about the Age of fourteen Years, and before he accomplish'd the Age of nineteen he tendred his Service for Defence of the Dutchy of *Aquitain*, in Consideration whereof, the King by his Charter dated 2d of *April*, 22 Regni sui, created him premier Earl of *England*, and for a Distinction between him and the other Earls, granted to him and the Heir Male of his Body, Leave to wear a golden Coronet about his Head, as well in his own Presence as elsewhere, upon great Festivals, when Coronets used to be worn, and within three Days following, in Consideration of the high Deserts of his noble Father, advanced him to the Title of Duke of *Warwick*, granting him Place in Parliament, and in all other Meetings next to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and before the Duke of *Buckingham*, and 40l. per Annum, to be paid by the Sheriff of *Warwickshire* and *Leicestershire*, out of the Revenue of those Counties toward the better Support of that Honour; this done he granted further to him the Reversion of the Isle of *Cernsey*, *Jersy*, *Serk*, *Ern*, and *Warrben*, after the Death of *Humphry* Duke of *Gloicester*, reserving the yearly Rent of a Rose to be paid at the Feast of the Nativity of St. *John Baptist*, the Mannor and Hundred of *Bristol* in *Com. Gloicester*, reserving the yearly Rent of 60l. and all the King's Castles and Mannors within the Forrest of *Dean*, reserving the Rent of 100l. per Annum. To all which Honours this was added, to be crowned King of the Isle of *Wight* by the King's own Hand: he married *Cecilie* Daughter to *Richard Nevil*, Earl of *Salisbury*, by whom he had *Anne* his only Daughter, born at *Cardiff*, in the Month of *February*, 1439. But this hopeful Earl was cropt off in the Flower of his Youth, for he died at *Wanley* the Place of his Birth upon the Feast of St. *Barnabas*, being the 11th of *June*, 1445, 23 H. VI. when he was twenty two Years of Age, and was buried in the Abby of *Windsor*, about the Middle of the Quire, at the Head of Prince *Edward*, Son and Heir to King *Henry VI.* and committed

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his Daughter to the Tutelage of Queen *Margaret*, and afterwards of *William de la Pool*, Duke of *Suffolk*, and she had the Title of Countess of *Warwick*, but did not long survive, for the 3d of *January*, 1449, 27 *H. VI.* she died at *Netwold* in *Oxfordshire*, a Mannor of that Duke's, and was buried in the Abby of *Reading*, next to the Grave of *Constance Lady Dispenser*, her great Grandmother, Daughter to *Edmond* of *Langley*, Duke of *Berk*, whereupon

Anne her Aunt, Sister of the whole Blood to the late Duke of *Warwick*, became Heir to this Earldom, then the Wife of *Richard Nevil* Earl of *Salisbury*, who by Reason of that Marriage, and his special Services about the King's Person, and in the Wars of *Scotland*, obtained a Patent of the Dignity and Title of Earl of *Warwick*, confirm'd and declared to him, and his Wife, and to her Heirs. Shortly after by Fine levied *Quin. Trin.* 28 *Hen. VI.* the Castle of *Warwick*, with divers Lordships in that, and sixteen other Counties were intail'd upon the Issue of their two Bodies lawfully begotten, and in Default thereof, upon the Issue of her the said *Anne*, with Remainder to *Margaret* eldest Daughter to the same *Richard Beauchamp*, late Earl of *Warwick*, and her Heirs. This is that *Richard Nevil* who was commonly called, the stout Earl of *Warwick*, and an eminent Actor in those tragick Broiles between the Houses of *Lancaster* and *York*; for he put himself in Arms with an Intent to advance *Richard* Duke of *Berk* to the Crown, for which he and his Adherents were attainted of High-Treason at a Parliament held at *Cobentry*, Anno 38 *H. VI.* But after *Richard* Duke of *Berk* was slain at *Bakefield*, 39 *H. VI.* this Earl with the Earl of *Marsh* escaped by Flight to *London*; they raised a mighty Power on the Behalf of *Edward* Duke of *Berk*, who took upon him the Title, and was proclaim'd King by the Name of *Edw. IV.* then hastned Northward against those Forces which King *Hen.* had raised there, and at *Taunton* obtained a mighty Victory. After which there was nothing of Honour, Authority, or Profit that he desired but King *Edward* granted, for that he had been the great Instrument to gain the Crown for him, therefore he was soon made Captain of *Calais*, the Tower of *Risbank*, Lieutenant of the Marshes there, and Governour of the Castle of *Guines*, also General Warden of the East Marshes towards *Scotland*, and Lord Great Chamberlain of *England* for Life, and Constable of *Dover-castle*, and Lord High Steward of *England*.

But 'tis said by some, that after King *Edward* had obtained the Crown thro' the Power of this Earl, suspecting Danger by his Greatness, he endeavoured to lessen him all that he could, the Earl discerning it, he sought all Occasions to work the King's Ruin, but concealed the Effects

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of his Discontents till the 7th of *Edw. IV.* when being in *Warwickshire*, he sent for his Brothers *George Nevil*, Archbishop of *York*, and *John Marquess Mountague*, and communicated his Mind to them with divers Reasons for the Restoration of King *Henry*, and obliging them to him, he allured *George Duke of Clarence*, the King's Brother, by Reason of some Discontents which he had harbour'd; and to fix him the firmer to him, gave him *Isabel* his eldest Daughter in Marriage 8, *Edw. IV.* in our Lady's Church at *Salats*, with Half the Lands of her Mother's Inheritance, and by their Assistance raised so great a Power, that in October he entred *London*, delivered King *Henry* out of the Tower, and set him again on his Throne, whereupon he was made Lord High Admiral of *England*. But within a Year after, King *Edward* landing here again, and encreasing his Strength very much, it so daunted the Duke of *Clarence*, that he made his Peace with him, and offered to do the like for this Earl his Father in Law, had not his Stomach been too great; so that then there was no other Way to determine the Matter, but by the Sword, and it was decided on *Easter Day* at *Barret-field*, in which Battle this stout Earl lost his Life with many others, to a great Number; upon which the Bodies of him and the Marquess *Mountague* his Brother were brought to *London*, exposed to public View in *Pauls*, conveyed from thence to *Brynham* in *Com. Berks.* and interred in that Monastery with his Ancestors the *Mountacutes*, by whom it had been founded.

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But after his Death his Countess was driven to great Want, for all her vast Inheritance was taken from her by Parliament, and settled upon *Isabel* and *Anne* her two Daughters and Heirs, the eldest married to *George Duke of Clarence*, the other to *Richard Duke of Gloucester*, as if she herself had been naturally dead, and was withheld from her till the third of *H. VII.* when both the Daughters being dead, that King procured a new Act of Parliament to repeal the former, and in Consideration of the true faithful Service and Allegiance which she had born to King *H. VI.* was restored to her Estate again, with Power to alien the same or any Part thereof; and by a special Feofment dated the 13th of *December*, and a Fine levied thereupon, she conveyed it to

The King, entailing it upon the Issue Male of his Body, with Remainder to herself and her Heirs, and among the Names of the particular Lordships contain'd in that Grant, this Mannor of *flamsted* is express'd, which remain'd in the Crown till the 27th Year of *H. VIII.* about which time that King granted this Mannor to

George Ferrars and his Heirs, in whose Line it continued until it came to

Knighton Ferrers, who had Issue

Katharine, who was his sole Heir, and married *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Fanshaw* of *Drummore* in the Kingdom of Ireland: She joyn'd with him to convey it to

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Edward Peck, Serjeant at Law, who had Issue *William*, who was his Son and Heir, and the present Possessor hereof.

This Mannor has Court Leet and Baron, consists of about six or seven hundred Acres of Demeasne, and divers Coppiholds, finable at the Will of the Lord, and upon the Demeasne is an ancient Farm House.

The Priory of ST. GILES in the WOOD.

ROGER de Tony founded a Religious House in this Parish, which was dedicated to *St. Gyles in the Wood*, and did consist of a Prioress and ten Nuns, to be ordered or visited by him and his Heirs, and were bound to pray for their Souls &c. and they were independent of any other Religious House or Order, and he endowed the same with large Demesnes. This Place was then called *St. Gyles Church*, after *St. Gyles in the Wood*, and of late *Beachwood* from the Abundance of *Beach* growing there, the Soil being very natural for that Plant, where it grows and thrives exceedingly.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol.
545, n. 48.
Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol.
476.*

By the Accession of new Grants of some of the Family of the *Tonies*, and of *Agatha* the Wife of *William of Gadesden*, who gave all the Land which she had in *Hamelam-estede*, and of *Isabel* Daughter of *Bernard* Son of *Nicholas*, who gave all the Lands to the said Priory which she had in the Vill of *Edelesburt*, and of others, the same became a Mannor of pretty large Extent, but coming to the Crown by the Statute of 27 H. VIII. of the Dissolution of the lesser Religious Houses, was granted by H. VIII. to Sir *Richard Page*, Kt. and his Heirs, then Lieutenant of the Band of Pensioners.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol.
563.*

This Sir *Richard Page* had Issue only one Daughter, who inherited this Mannor, she married Sir ——— *Skipwith* of *Lincolnshire*, and soon after ——— *Skipwith* and his Wife conveyed the same to ——— *Saunders*, then resident at *Puttenham* in *Hertfordshire*, by the Marriage of the Daughter and Heir of ——— *Puttenham*, but formerly of the County of *Buckingham*, and the same is now come by Descent to *Thomas Saunders*, Esq. a Member of the Society of *Lincolns Inn*, who claims his Descent by his Grandmother from the *Coningsby's* of *Northampton*, and by his Great Grandmother from the *Botelers* of *Watton Woodhall*, both ancient Families in the County of *Hertford*, and has made this Mannor an excellent Seat, and the Place of his Residence: But he died An. 1698, leaving Issue only *Anne* his Daughter and Heir, married to Sir *Edward Seabright*,

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Baronum.*

whose Ancestor was created Baronet, 20 Dec. Anno 1626, 2 Car. I. and is now in Right of his Wife the present Possessor hereof.

Upon enquiry into the Foundation of the said Religious House of ~~Berchmoor~~, I received Information from the said Mr. Saunders that he had the original Grant of the Foundation under the Hand of *Roger de Tony*, and all farther Endowments thereof, and divers Grants of Priviledges from several Popes by their Bulls to the Prioress and Nuns, besides a fair Legier Book containing all Grants, &c. and believes there is not wanting one Deed, Grant, or Patent under Seal, or any Court Roll concerning the said Mannor or Estate, from the time of the Conquest and first Foundation thereof, but he hath the same in his Custody; however for same Reasons was unwilling to expose them to publick View.

THE RECTORY or PARSONAGE

OF this Parish is appropriated, and time out of mind was in the Crown, and farm'd for some Term of Years, the Farmer usually hired a Curate to officiate for such small Sallary as they could agree, sometimes 20*l.* per Annum, seldom more until King James I. by Letters Patents dated — *Regni sui* granted the Reversion to *Morice* and *Philips*, Trustees, who conveyed it to Mr. *Gunsly*, then present Incumbent Anno 1618, and the Reversion (after the expiration of a Lease then in being from the Crown for 42 Years) was devised in this manner, viz. Part of the Tyths to his next Heir at Law, of whom the said *Thomas Saunders*, Esq. purchased them; and the Rectory and the other Part of the Tyths to the Master and Fellows of University Colledge in *Orford*, and their Successors, ordaining by his Will that for the future the Curate shall have 60*l.* per Annum Sallary, and the Master and Fellows shall always appoint the Curate; the present Rector or Curate is *Edward Ferrars*, Senior Fellow of the said Colledge, who receives the Sallary of 60*l.*

The Church is in the Deanery of ~~Berchmoor~~ in the Diocess of *Lincoln*, dedicated to the Honour of St. *Leonard*, and situated upon a Hill. Anno 26 Henry VIII. it was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 41*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and this Church contains three fair Isles, the Roof of the Church is covered with Lead, but the Chancel with Tyle, and to the West End adjoyns a square Tower, wherein is a Ring of five Bells, and a Shaft or Spire about twenty Foot high, erected upon the Tower cover'd with Lead.

In the Chancel lay a Stone with this Inscription.

Hic jacet Johannes Oundeley Rector istius Ecclesie et de Barugby Lincoln. Diocesis. et Canon in Eccles. Colleg. beate Marie de Warwick, et Camerarius ex parte Comitatus War. in Scarario Domini Regis, qui obiit 7 Maii 1414.

*Miserere miserator, quia heu sum peccator.
Hinc precor licet tuus miserere mei Deus.*

In the Wall at the East End of the Communion Table.

Here lies He dead deprived of Breath by Death
Whose Fame shall out live death, *B. F.*

Here lieth the Body of Sir *Bartholomew Fouke*, Kt. who served King *Edward*, Queen *Mary*, and was Master of the Houshold to Queen *Elizabeth* for many years, and to King *James* that now is, in memory, of whose vertuous life (worthy eternal Remembrance) *Edward Fouke*, Gent. his Brother hath erected this Monument.

Obiit 19 Julii 1604. Etat. sue 69.

At the upper End of the Middle Isle lieth interred the Body of *George Cordal*, Esq; who served Queen Elizabeth, and was Serjeant of the Ewry to King James and the late King Charles, in all sixty years, who married *Dorothy* the only Daughter and Heir of *Francis Pryor* of this Parish, with whom he lived 57 years, and deceased the 25th of May 1653, he being aged 84 years.

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Mortale quiescat.

Dom. Marim Luke quæ filia quinta Henrici Coningsby de Styngms Boreali Equitis Aurati, et Eliz. claræ Familis Botelorum de Woodhal in Com. Hertford, Conjux olim fuit Johannis Saunders de Puttenham, Armig. (et ibid. sepulti) in dict. Com. Tandem Johi. Luke de Flamsted, Milit. nupta et viduata conservit et obiit.

Filius et Heres Tho. Saunders, Armig. (juxta illam sepeliri cupiens) charissimæ, amantissimæ, et pietissimæ Matris. L. M. P.

Emigravit 22 Augusti 1664 Admodum chara Mors sanctorum in conspectu Domini.

And of late there is erected in the Corner of the South Isle of this Church a very rich and stately Monument, all of pure Italian Marble of several hundred Pounds Value, with a large square before the same raised a Foot high, paved with black and white coarse Marble, railed in with an Iron Rail or Grate.

The Tomb is framed Altarwise, the lower Part of it most of Black Marble curiously wrought and polished with cringed Cherubs of white Marble on each Side.

On the Altar are five Images or Effigies of Children, kneeling, all of pure white Marble, and by the Side thereof, one other Image in a mournful posture kneeling and pointing to the other five.

By the Sides are two large Pillars of white Marble supporting an Arch above of curious wrought work fruitage, and other, and over the same the Coat of Arms of the Family of the *Saunders* carved and gilded in the mantling; he beareth *Party per Cheveron Sable and Argent, three Elephants Heads counterchanged*, with this Motto, *Magnis Amoris Amor*.

In the Middle over the Altar there is a very fair large flat Stone of white Marble polished, and encompass'd about with Stones of black Marble, and upon the white Stone in large fair black Capital Letters is this Inscription.

Thomas Saunders, peccatorum maximus, credent, in unum Deum Divina sua providentia, terrena quæcunque gubernantem et sapientissimam disponentem, et in Jesum Christum ejus Filium die ultimo futurum judicem. Cum ex Helena Filia et Hærede Roberti Sadlier, claræ et antiquæ in hoc agro Familis, sex liberos suscepit

Thomam,	Johannem,
Robertum,	Annam et
Helenam,	Helenam.

Quorum quinq; ante parentes decesserunt, et Anna tantum parvula superstes existit: In eorum piam memoriam, quibus nihil amplius dari possit, hoc Monumentum lugens posuit, spe certa confidens se futurum hæredem Regni calorum et licet e corpore hæredem in terris non relinquet. hanc tamen Consolationem Assecutus Quod ex
Additur Regno Calorum.

Below the Altar on a large Stone of Black Marble, curiously mantled and finely wrought and polished, is this Inscription in Gold Letters.

Who so looketh hereon may consider how fleeting all worldly comforts are, and how great a vanity it is to place his affection thereon; such things there are as worldly comforts 'tis true; but they ought to be look'd on as little streams, and whoever delights in them more than in the Fountain from whence they proceed, may soon find them dry and vanished. The truth of which he that wrote this hath sensibly found, and wills others to place their affections chiefly on that object of love which is unchangeable, and is the center of all true Joy and Felicity.

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Under the Pedestal of the Altar the Images of five Children cut in Marble are placed, and underneath them is wrote

Talium est Regnum Calorum.

Without the Gate or Rail, and some good distance from the Tomb, lies a Gravestone (under which there is said to be Stairs leading to a fair Vault beneath the said Pavement) on which this Latine Distich is engraved.

*Ipsæ tuas cineres si notis amice moveri
Post mortem, hunc vivus ne moveas Lapidem.*

This Inscription on a Marble near the Passage into the Vault.

M. S. E.

Thomas Saunders Filius natu maximus Gulielmi Saunders de *Londina*, Generosi, Fratris Thomæ Saunders de *Witchwood* in hac Parochia Armigeri, Et Abigalis Uxoris ejus Filiæ Thomæ Saunders de *Redburn* in Com *Bucks*, Armig. Obiit 15. Feb. Anno Dom. 1691. *Ætat. suæ undecimæ. Indolis optimæ ac maximæ spei Luctus nunc, olim Deliciæ parentum, Hic juxta reconditur Gulielmus, Vix Bimestris filius natu minor Gulielmi supradicti.*

In this Isle is buried the Body of Anne Pouré, 2d. Daughter to Francis Pouré of *Wichington* in the County of *Essex*, Esq; and of Anne his second Wife, the third Daughter to Julius Ferrers of *Market* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq; who died the 13. day of June 1631. and in the 14th year of her age.

*Pouré, Rich was in the Spirit
Anne Pouré, Rich Pouré by Christs merit.*

This Parish is of large Extent, containing six thousand Acres, or more, of Land inclosed, the greatest Part thereof lies upon high Ground with a Vale in the Middle, through which runs a small Rivulet from a Place called *Witch* in the Highway of *Witching-street*, and passes from thence through the Midst of *Flamsted* near the said Road, and sometimes crosseth the Road towards *Redburn*, and from thence to *St. Albans*. The Air is clear and very wholesome, and the Place well wooded; especially that Part thereof which lyeth on the South-side of the River, and *Witching-street* leading to *Dunstable*, being the higher Hill, on which Side is that ancient Religious House of *St. Gyles* alias *Witch-wood*: near whereto was a Woman of late, one *Ann Prior*, Widow, who lived to the Age of sixscore Years compleat. Which, (upon some Controversie about a Rate or Tax between the two Hundreds of *Catsh* and *Bacorum*) Sir *Henry Blount* an Inhabitant of *Catsh* did allege in a joking Way, "That therefore the Hundred of *Bacorum* ought to pay somewhat more for their excellent Air." To whom was reply'd, "That if Sir *Henry* would take Care that the Distress upon Default of Payment should be only taken in that Element so profitable to them only, without touching upon any other, they were content."

There is a Tradition, that in the Infancy of *Edw. VI.* he was removed thither by the Advice of his Physicians for some time, and did reside in the said Religious House, granted to Sir *Richard Page* as aforesaid. There are no

Remains of the old House, Cloysters, Chappel, &c. but the Mannor-house is a fair Brick House, of the Figure of a Roman H, wherein is yet Part of a curious wrought Bedstead inlaid, and Curtains of green Velvet richly embroidered, said to be the Repository of the said *Edw. VI.* and in some Windows of the House are the Arms of *France* and *England*, quarter'd with a Label of three, said to be taken out of the Glass of the old religious House.

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This Parish consists most of arable Land, being a Clay mixed with Flint, and in most Places, Chalk is to be found within a Fathom of the Superficies, in some Places within a Foot, but in other Places 'tis exceeding stony, insomuch that after any great Shower of Rain (by which that little Earth or Clay which is turned up by the Plow is washed below the Stones) not any thing appears, save as it were, a Heap of large rugged broken Flints, so as a Man cannot foul a Glove by rubbing on the said Soil in the dirtiest time of Winter, and yet very good Corn often grows on such Places in a dry Summer; and the Reason given for it is, because the Warmth of the Flint (having a Seed of Fire in it) preserves the Corn from the Cold in Winter, and the Closeness of the Body prevents the scorching and the parching Heat of the Sun in Summer (for those Grounds never chop nor crack) so as stringy Fibers of the Root reaching to the Clay below, fail not to send up Moisture to the Blade and Stalk.

'Tis said, that these stony Parts are never without Hares, but 'tis a very bad Place to course in; and 'tis affirmed, that their veriest Curs bred there, and used to those Grounds, will beat the best Grey-hounds brought from elsewhere.

And now I shall conclude the Division of this High Constable, and proceed to the next, which contains the Villis, Parishes, and Hamlets of *Berkhamsted*, *Northchurch*, *Albury*, *Tring*, *Millersethorn*, *Wigington* *Long Marston*, *Pottenham*, and *Colshill*.

The third Part of the fifth Division.

BERKHAMSTED ST. PETERS.

THE Saxons in old time, saith *Norden*, called this Town *Berkhamstedt*, because it was seated among the Hills, for *Berg* signified a Hill, *Ham* a Town, and *Stedt* a Seat, all which was very proper for the Scituation hereof. In this Place the Kings of *Mercia* often resided and kept their Court, among whom *Whithred*, King of *Ment* and *Mercia*, *Anno Christi 697*, 5 *Regni sui*, held a Parliament or great Council at this Town, where *Birtwald*, Archbishop of Can-

Norden, p. 13.

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terbury, one of the King's Privy Council, presided, *Gybmund* Bishop of *Rochester*, all the Prelates and military Men were assembled, mildly treated, and by the common Assent of all decreed;

*Spelm. Com.
fol. 194.*

PRAYERS shall be made for the King; and his Commands shall be freely obey'd; that the Church may be free and enjoy its Laws and Possessions.

2. Whosoever shall violate the peace of the Church shall forfeit fifty Shillings.

3. Adulterers shall be reduc'd from their Sins to a honest life, or be excommunicated from the Church.

4. But Strangers who shall be defiled with this uncleanness, and will not reform, shall be banish'd; carrying away their Sins with their Wealth, even as they are driven from the Communion of the Church in other Countries.

5. If a military Man shall happen to be taken in Adultery, and condemn the Law of the King, the Bishops, and the Judgment of this Court, he shall pay a hundred Shillings.

6. If a Farmer or an Husbandman shall commit this Offence; he shall pay fifty Shillings.

7. If a Priest shall forsake Adultery, and shall not wickedly relinquish his Baptism, nor be addicted to Drunkenness, he shall hold his Office and the privilege of his Habit.

8. If a Tonsure shall be irregular, he shall go to another House, if any will receive him; but this shall not be done unless License shall be granted to keep him a long time there.

9. If any shall enfranchise his Servant at the Altar, he shall be free and capable to inherit, and shall be manumitted without limit.

10. If the Servant by the Command of the Master shall do any servile Work after the Sun shall be set on Saturday or on Sunday, the Master shall pay eighty Shillings for the fact.

11. * If a Servant shall travel on either of those Days, he shall pay six Shillings or be whip't.

12. If a Freeman shall travel on a Day forbidden, he shall stand in the Pillory, and the Informer shall have half, as well as the Mulct as the Wirgil.

13. If a Husbandman without the knowledge of his Wife shall offer any thing to the Devil, he shall forfeit his Estate, and stand in the Pillory, but if both of them shall offend, she also shall lose all her Goods and stand in the Pillory.

14. If a Servant shall offer any thing to the Devil, he shall lose six Shillings or be whip'd.

15. If any Person shall give Flesh to his Servant to be eaten on a Fast Day, his Servant shall be free.

16. If any Servant shall voluntarily eat it, he shall either pay six Shillings or be whip'd.

17. The Word or Affirmation of the King or the Bishop without Oath shall be irrefragible, or shall purge them.

18. The Chief Officer or Governour shall make profession as a Priest to the Monastery; but the Priest shall say before the Altar after this manner: I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not; in the same manner shall Deacons be purged.

19. An inferior Clerk with four Compurgators shall purge himself, bowing his head; and one Hand shall be extended to the Altar, the other to the Oath.

20. The Stranger swearing only upon the Altar shall be purged, so shall a Thane or a Nobleman.

21. The Farmer or Husbandman with four Compurgators, his Head bowed down to the Altar, shall be discharged; and after this manner all their Oaths shall be administered.

22. If any Person shall accuse the Servant of a Bishop, this shall belong to the Jurisdiction of the Church, or he shall be turned over to the Jurisdiction of the King, or the Governour of the Town or Place, who shall purge him, or cause him to be beaten.

*Sam's Antiq.
of Brit. fol.
4 16*

* This shall be extended only to the part of Saturday after Sun set.

23. If any Prisoner of God shall be accused in an Assembly, his Master shall purge him by his simple Oath, if he has taken the Eucharist, but if he never came to the Eucharist, he shall find a good surety for his Oath, or he shall pay or be delivered to be whipt.

24. If the Servant of a Laic shall accuse the Servant of an Ecclesiastic, or the Servant of an Ecclesiastic shall accuse the Servant of a Laic, the Master shall purge him by his single Oath.

25. If a secular Man shall kill a Thief, no Composition shall be made by the Kinsman of him that is slain.

26. If any Freeman shall take a Thief carrying away any thing that is stolen, the King shall choose any one of these three Punishments, either that the Thief shall be slain, or banished beyond the Seas, or rather his Wirgild, (which was the Value of his Head or Life) and he who apprehended him shall have half his Goods, but if he shall kill him he shall pay seventy Shillings.

27. If any Servant shall be robbed and shall suffer the Thief to escape, he shall pay seventy Shillings, or ————— which the King pleases; but if any one shall slay him, his Master shall have half his Goods.

28. If any Stranger shall wander privately thro' the Country, and shall neither cry aloud nor sound his Horn, he shall be taken for a Thief, and shall either be slain or banisht.

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Bacorum.

From which time this Mannor remained in the Crown, until William the Conqueror invaded this Island, and after he obtained that signal Victory at Battle Abbey, he passed thence with his Army over the Thames at Wallingford, and thence marched with his Forces to this Town in Order to go forward to London; where he was forced to make some Stay at this Place, for Frederick, that bold Abbot of St. Albans, had caused the Timber Trees growing near this Road, which belonged to his Church to be felled, and laid cross the Way to obstruct his Passage, and during the time of his Continuance here, the great Lords and Nobles of England, consulting how they might free themselves from the Slavery of the Norman Yoke, met the Conqueror, by the Advice and Perswasion of that couragious Abbot, at this Town, where after great Debate of Matters in the Presence of Archbishop Lanfranc, the King fearing if he should not comply with them, he should lose with Shame the Kingdom which he had got by the Effusion of so much Blood, yielded so far that he laid his Hand upon the holy Gospel, and swore upon all the Relicts of St. Albans Church, before Abbot Frederic, who administered the Oath, that he would observe and keep inviolably the good and approved ancient Laws of the Kingdom, which the holy and devout Kings of England his Predecessors, especially King Edward had ordained; this done, they submitted themselves to his Governance, and swore Fealty to him; who with many fair Words received them immediately into his Protection, and promised to give his Daughter in Marriage to Earl Edwin; and all of them were present at his Coronation: however through the deceitful Counsel of the Normans, nothing of this was performed, but soon after he evilly intreated most of those Peers and Nobles, carried them with him into Normandy, under Pretence they should assist him against the

Camd. Brit.
tit. Herta,
fol. 414.

*Hund. of
Moreton.*

Rebels there, but in Truth that they might not provide for their own Safety in his Absence: then he seized all their Estates, and disposed of them to his Normans, among whom he gave this Town to *Robert* Earl of *Gloucester*, his half Brother by the Mother's Side, who fortified this Castle with a double Trench and Rampier; and in *Domesdei Book* 'tis recorded, under the Title of *Terra Comitis Moreton*, That

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 15.*

In Errunge Hundred. Comes Moreton tenuit Berchepamstede pro tresdecem hidis se defendebat. Terra est sex et vigint. car. in Dom. sex hid. et ibi sunt tres car. et alias tres possunt fieri, ibi Presbiter cum quatuordecim Vill. et quindecim Bord. habent. duodecem car. et adhuc octo possunt fieri, ibi sex Serui, et quidam Fossarius habet dimid. hid. et Ranulphus un. virgat. servien. Comit.

In Burbie hujus Ville quinquagint. et duo Burgienses qui reddunt de Tholence quatuor lib. et habent. dimid. hid. et duo Molin. de vigint. sol. ibi duo arpend. vinea. pratum octo car. pastura. ad pecud. Vill. Silva mille porcis et quinque sol. in totis valentiis valet sexdecem lib. quando recepit viginti lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quatuor vigint lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Edmarus Teignus Heraldus Comit.

Earl *Moreton* held *Berchepamstede* in *Errunge Hundred*, it was rated for thirteen Hides. The arable is six and twenty Carucates, in Demeasme six Hides, and there are three Carucates, and three others may be made, here is a Presbyter, or Priest with fourteen Villains, and fifteen Bordars having twelve Carucates, and now eight more may be made, there are six Servants, and a certain Ditcher had half an Hide, and *Ralph*, a Servant of the Earl, one Virgate.

In the Borough of this Vill are two and fifty Burgesses, who pay four Pounds a Year for Toll, and they have half an Hide, and two Mills of twenty Shillings Rent by the Year, there are two Arpends of Vineyard, Meadow eight Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed a thousand Hogs, and five Shillings Rent by the Year; in the whole Value it is worth sixteen Pounds, when he received it twenty Pounds, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four and twenty Pounds, *Edmer* a Thane of Earl *Harold* held this Mannor.

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 23.*

This Earl *Moreton* married *Maud* Daughter to *Roger de Montgomery*, by whom he had Issue *William*, who succeeded him in these Earldoms of *Gloucester* and *Cornwall*, and three Daughters whose Christian Names are not exprest, whereof the first married *Andrew de Detrei*, the second *Guy de Val*, and the third the Earl of *Choulesse*, Brother to *Raymond*, Count of *St. Gilles*, who behaved himself valiantly in that Expedition to *Jerusalem*.

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 24.
Matt. Paris,
fol. 54.*

When King *William Rufus* had the Misfortune to lose his Life by the Glance of an Arrow from a Tree in the *Red Forrest* shot by *Walter Terri*; this Earl or his Son *William*, then hunting in the Woods near the Place where the King was slain, his Attendance having left him alone in the same Hour, and knowing not any thing of the King's Death, accidentally met a great black Goat bearing the Body of the King all black, naked, wounded through the Midst of his Breast, and besmeared with Blood, upon Sight thereof, he adjured the Goat by the Holy Trinity, to tell what that was he so carried? To which he answered, *I am carrying your King to Judgment; yea that Tyrant William Rufus, for*

I am an evil Spirit, and the Revenger of the Malice which he bore to the Church of God: It was I that caused this his Slaughter; for the Protomartyr of England commanded me so to do, who complained to God of him for his grievous Oppressions in this Isle of Britain, which he first hallowed. All which the Earl related soon after to his Followers.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

This Earl *William* was a Person of a malicious and arrogant Spirit from his Childhood; and envying the Glory of King *Henry I.* raised a Rebellion against him in *Normandy*; Whereupon all his Estate in *England* was seized, his Castle rac'd to the Ground, and he was banish'd this Realm; by this Means this Town and Mannor came to the Crown.

Henry II. granted that all the Men and Merchants of the Honour of *Wallingford* and *Berkhamsted St. Peters*, should have firm Peace through all his Land of *England* and *Normandy*, wheresoever they shall be; and he did give and grant to them for ever, all the Laws, Liberties, and free Customs as they enjoyed them honourably in the time of King *Edward*, (which was *Edward the Confessor*) King *William*, Great Grandfather to the said King *Henry*, and that they should remain with their Merchandize to be bought or sold through *England*, *Normandy*, *Acquitain*, and *Anjou*, by Water, by Land, by Wood, and by Strand, Quit of Tallage, Pontage, Lastage, Passage, and all Customs and Exactions, upon the Forfeiture of 10*l.* And this he prohibited and commanded upon the same Forfeiture.

And the King granted to the Men and Merchants of *Wallingford* and *Berkhamsted* for ever, all Laws and Customs like as they had in the time of King *Edward*, and King *Henry* his Grandfather: And he also granted to them wheresoever they should go with their Merchandizes, to buy or sell thro' all *England*, *Normandy*, and *Spain*, by Water and by Strand, by Wood and by Land, they should be quit of all Toll, and Passage of Bridges and Piccage, Paviage, and Stallage, and Shires and Hundreds, of Aids, Viscountels, and Service of Guilds, and Daneguilds, of Hidage, Bloodewite, Fredewite, Murders, Assart Guard, and Leguard, and of Works of Castle Walls, Ditches, Bridges, Streams, and of all Customs and Exactions secular, and of all servile Works, and they should not be disquieted by any Man upon the Forfeiture of 10*l.* and that no Man should vex or disturb them; and to enlarge their Liberties, the King further granted that no Summons, Attachments, Distress, Inquisition, or Execution should be executed by any of the King's Officers within the Liberties of *Wallingford* and *Berkhamsted*; but by the High Steward, Escheator, Coroner, and their Bayliffs and Ministers, of the same Honour and Liberty; and should have the Return of all Writs, and Execution of the same, and the Law day, and what be-

*Northines
Book.*

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*



longs to the same; and that no Surveyor or other the King's Officer shall make any Price within the said Honour, and Liberty of the Goods of the King's Liege Men and Merchants, their Heirs and Successors, against their Wills.

No Sheriff, Escheator, Marshal, or Clerk of the Market of the King's House, or his Heirs, shall sit or do his Office within this Honour and Liberty, nor shall take any Men or Merchants of this Honour, out of this Liberty for any thing done within this Honour; and none of the King's Officers or Purveyors shall buy or sell any thing within this Honour and Liberty touching this Office; and the King farther granted, that the Liege Men and Merchants residing within this Honour and Liberty, and their Successors, and their Goods thro' all England, and Ports of the Sea, shall be quit of all Tolls, Passage, Laystage, Carriage, Pannage, Picage, Murdrige, Pannage of Scot and Lot, Brasel, Child, Vicegeresgrind, Scotall, Terrage, Pasage, Silver, Anchory, Borrowbreach, Boroughbote, Teipgild, Forestal, Horngild, Danegild, Hormsoken, House-breach, Wren-white, Miskuming, Sacasoken, Sock de Sheronge, Toll, Them, Wapentake, Wardwite, Utlage, and of all other Customs; and they may have Infangtheif, and Outfangtheife, Treasure Trove, Waife, Estray, Goods and Chattels, and Year, Day, and Waste. No Market shall be held within seven Miles of this Town, neither shall the Men or Merchants attend at the Assizes or Session. King H. II. kept his Court in this Town, where he granted the Church of ~~Waberting~~ to the Monastery of St. *Bernade de Monte Jovis*, to make Fires for the poor People there, and it continued in the Crown until Anno 1206, 7 *Johannis*, when that King granted this Castle and Honour of ~~Werkhamsted~~ to

Mon. Angl.
vol. 2, fol.
420.

Ibid. fol. 411'
437.
Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol. 705

Jeoffery Fitzpiers Earl of ~~Essex~~, with the Knight's Fee thereto belonging, in Feefarm for an hundred Pounds *per Annum*, to hold to him and the Heirs of his Body by *Aveline* then his Wife; and as for his Works of Piety, he gave to the Brethren of the Hospital of St. *Thomas of Acres*, in the City of London, the Guardianship of St. *John Baptist* in ~~Werkhamsted~~, and also the Hospital of St. *John the Evangelist* of Lepers.

But before the 14th Year of King *John* he died, and was buried at *Shouldham*, of whom our Historian gives this Character, that he was a Person of great Power and Authority, and died on the second Day of *October*, to the general Loss of the whole Realm, being a firm Pillar thereof, generous, skilful in the Laws, rich in Money and of every thing else, and allied to all the great Men of England, either in Blood or Friendship, so that the King feared him above all Mortals, for 'twas he that held the Reines of Government, and after his Death the Realm was like a Ship

lost in a Tempest without a Pilot. He married *Beatrice* the eldest Daughter of *William Say*, by whom he had Issue three Sons, 1. *Jeffrey* his immediate Successor. 2. *William* Successor to him. 3. *Henry* then Dean of *Woolberhampton*, and *Maud* married to *Henry de Bohun* Earl of *Hertford*: and by *Aveline* his second Wife, *John Fitzpiers*, who was Lord of *Berkhamsted* and Justice of *Ireland*.

*Hind. of
Bacorum.*

But Anno 1215, 16 *Johan.* this Castle and Town of *Berkhamsted* was in the Crown, for when the Barons lay still, King *John* possess himself of the Castle, and appointed *Ranulph* the German to have the Custody thereof.

*Brady's Hist.
of Engl. fol.
506*

Anno 1216, 17 *Johan.* Prince *Lewis* eldest Son to the King of *France*, laid Siege to this Castle, and invested the same with his Army on the Feast of *St. Nicholas*, and whilst the Barons which *Lewis* commanded, pitched their Tents on the North Side thereof, and their Officers and Souldiers were careless in their several Stations, the Knights and Souldiers issued out of the Castle with a great Force, seized the Chariots, and Provisions of the Barons, took the Banner of *William* Earl of *Gloucester*, and returned with all the Chariots and Provisions unto the Castle; and whilst the Barons were sitting at Table the same Day, the Knights issued out of the Castle again, and carrying the Banner, which a little before they had taken away to the great Confusion of the Barons, disarmed them, and hastened again into the Castle; but after a long Siege, the King commanded them to yield the Castle to Prince *Lewis*.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 290.
Stow's Annals
fol. 176.*

Anno 2 *H. III.* 7 *die Maii*, the Market at *Berkhamsted* was changed from *Sunday* to *Monday*, *M. 61. pars 2.* and

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 1, fol.
762.*

King *H. III.* on the third Day of *Pentecost*, being the third Day of the Calends of *June*, Anno, 1227, 11 *H. III.* advanced *Richard* his younger Brother, for his good Services at the Siege of the Castle of *Wolfe* in *France*, to the Title and Dignity of Earl *Cornwall* at *Westminster* with great Solemnity; he gave this Honour and Castle to him, but soon after much Difference happened between the King and him, touching the Lordship of *Tees*, which King *John* gave to *Waleria Teutonic*, for he alleged that it was Parcel of the Earldom of *Cornwall*, and caused Possession of it to be taken for himself, which Breach proved so great, that the King did injuriously take from him this Castle of *Berkhamsted*; upon which this Earl communicated all his Grievances to his trusty Friend *William Marshall* Earl of *Hereford*, who immediately repaired to the Earl of *Chester*, and thro' the Power and Interest of their Friends, raised a potent Army and randevouzed at *Stamford*, from whence they sent a minatory Message to the King, imputing all the Fault to *Hubert de Burgh*, then Justice of *England*, and advising the King to secure him, required also the Confir-

*Ibid. fol. 211.
Matt. Paris,
fol. 337.*

*Hand. of
Beccorum.*

*Dugd. fol.
211*

mation of that Charter of the Forest, which had been cancelled at **Oxford**.

The King discerning this Cloud, appointed a Meeting at **Northampton**, on the third of the Nones of *August* next following, assuring them that he would there do full Right unto all; where he met accordingly, and among other his Condescensions, he gave this Earl *Richard* his Mother's Dowry, with all the Lands of **England** which did belong to the Earl of **Britany**, and all those Lands which did belong to the Earl of **Bohain** then deceased, upon which he had Livery of the whole County of **Rutland**, and he was restored again to this Castle of **Berkhamsted**.

Ibid.

Anno 1231, 15 *H. III.* in the Month of *April*, when the Feast of *Easter* was solemnized, he married *Isabel* Countess of **Gloucester**, Widow of *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of **Gloucester**, and Sister to *William Marshall* then Earl of **Brombrock**, and in the same Year he obtained a Grant of the Mannor, Castle, and Honour of **Knarburgh** in the County of **York** to himself and the Heirs of his Body by the same *Isabel*, to hold by the Service of two Knight's Fees.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 431.*

Anno 1236, 20 *H. III.* this Earl with *Gilbert Marshall* then Earl of **Brombrock**, and divers other great Men, took upon him the Cross for a Journey to the **Holy Land**, and for the better furnishing himself with Money, sold many of his Woods, until the latter End of *An. 23 H. III. 1239*, and 18 Calends of *February*, the same Year *Isabel* his Wife died in Child Bed at his Mannor of **Berkhamsted**, and was buried in the Abby of **Beaulieu**; but after this Funeral was passed, divers of the Nobility met together at **Northampton**, where they did by Oath oblige themselves to go forthwith into the **Holy Land** for the Service of God and the Church, and he having prepared all things ready for his Journey, came to the Abby of **St. Albans**, where in full Chapter he desir'd the Prayers of the whole Convent, for his good Success, then took his Leave of the King, the Legate and Nobles at **London**, and so hasted to **Bober**, whence passing thro' **France**, he came to the **Holy Land**, Anno 1241, 25 *H. III.* where he accepted of a Truce of the Soldan of **Babylon**, upon Condition that the *French* who were Prisoners there should be released, and that **Jerusalem**, with all the Parts adjacent should be free from any Molestation, as also upon divers other Articles honourable to the Christians, and the next Year following Anno 1242, 26 *H. III.* he returned, and the King having Notice of it, with the Queen, met him at **Bober**.

*Matt. Westm.
anno 1243.*

This Earl with *William Longespe* Earl of **Salisbury**, took another Journey to the **Holy Land**, and returned thence in Anno 1243, 27 *H. III.* After this he attended the King into **Gasconne** in Aid of *Hugh de Brun*, Earl of **March**, (who

had married the King's Mother) and was with him in that Battle near ~~Sanct~~ against the King of France.

In the next ensuing Year this Earl *Richard* married *Senchia* Daughter of *Raymond* Earl of ~~Probitur~~, Sister to the Queen; the Wedding was kept at ~~Westminster~~ with great Pomp, and he endowed her at the Church Door with a third Part of all his Lands of which he was then possess, or should afterwards acquire, whereof this Castle and Manor of ~~Werkhamsted~~ was Part.

Anno 29 H. III. that King granted that *Richard* Earl of ~~Cornwal~~ and his Heirs should have one Fair at his Manor of ~~Werkhamsted~~ every Year, to continue by the Space of eight Days; viz. on the Day of the Invention of the Holy Cross, and for seven Days next following.

Anno 1257, 41 H. III. this Earl being a Person of high Repute for his heroick and noble Endowments, certain Nobles of ~~Almain~~ arriving here, represented to the whole Baronage of ~~England~~, then met in Parliament, that this Earl was elected King of the *Romans* by unanimous Consent of the Princes of the Empire, and showed the Letters Testimonial that did manifest the same, and soon after the Bishop of ~~Colen~~ and divers of the Nobles of that Country came hither and did Homage to him, upon which he gave them 500 Marks towards their travelling Expences, and a rich Mitre adorn'd with pretious Stones, which pleased the Archbishop so well, that he said, *As he has put this Mitre on my Head, I will put the Crown of Almain on his.*

In Order hereto, this Earl committed himself to the Prayers of the Religious, took his Leave of his Friends, and began his Journey on the third Day in Easter Week. He took Shipping at ~~Yarmouth~~, and arriving in short time at ~~Agutgrave~~, was there crowned King upon Ascension Day.

Having received this great Honour he return'd thence the next Year after, and landed at ~~Dober~~ upon the Day of St. *Julian*, where the King met him with much Joy; after this during his Stay here, he made great Preparation for his Journey back to receive the Crown of the Empire, which the Pope under Hand endeavoured to obtain for him.

Anno 1264, 48 H. III. he marched with the King to ~~Northampton~~, against those proud and high spirited Barons, headed by *Mountford* Earl of ~~Leicester~~, and *Clare* Earl of ~~Gloucester~~, assisted the King in the Siege and taking of that Town, and then pursued their dissipated Forces into ~~Sussex~~ (where the Londoners with all their Power recruited them,) and there he commanded the Body of the King's Army in the Battle of ~~Leves~~, where the King and he were taken Prisoners.

*Hund. of
Baronum.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 606.*

Pat. 29 H. III.

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 948.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 983.*

*Matt. Paris,
fol. 984.*

*Hund. of
Berkum.*
Dugd. Ber.
vol. 1, fol.
764.

Matt. Paris,
fol. 1007.
Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 934

Anno 1267, 51 H. III. this Earl went again into *Germany*, where he married *Beatrix* Neice to the Archbishop of *Bolen*.

Anno, 1271, 55 H. III. he was made Governour of *Rockingham* Castle in the County of *Northampton*, and Warden of the Forrest, and when he had acted a long Part on the Theatre of this World with great Honour, he had a tedious Sickness at this Mannor of *Berkhamsted*, died upon the fourth of the Nones of *April*, Anno 1272, 56 H. III. His Heart was buried at the *Gray Fryars* in *Oxford*, under a costly Pyramid, and his Body in the Abby of *Wales*, which was of his own Foundation.

He had no Issue by *Rose de Dover* his first Wife, but by *Isabel* his second Wife he begat *John*, *Henry*, *Richard*, and *Nicholas*, of whom *John* and *Richard* died in their Infancy, and *Nicholas* with his Mother in Child-bed, and a Daughter who died in her Cradle, but *Henry* survived them for divers Years, however he died in the Life-time of his Father. He had Issue by *Senchia* his third Wife, *Richard* who died young, and *Edmond* who succeeded him in this Earldom of *Cornwal*, but by *Beatrix* his fourth Wife he had no Issue.

At the time of his Death he held of the King in *Capite*, by Knight's Service the Mannors of *Berkhamsted* and *Wemmelhamsted*, and at *Berkhamsted* there were 400 Acres of Arable Land, 4 Acres of Pasture, 16 Acres of Meadow, 200 Acres of Wood, a Park, three Watermills, 10*l.* Rents of Assize, and 9*l.* Rents of Assize, and in the Borough of *Berkhamsted* were 11*l.* of Rents of Assize, and there were two Watermills, which were yearly worth 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the Toll of the Borough was yearly worth 4*l.* and the Perquisites of the Portmoot were worth 40*s.* a Year.

This Epitaph is recorded of him.

*Hic jacet in Tumulo Richardus Teutonicorum
Rex vivens, propria contentus sorte bonorum
Anglorum Regis Germanus Pictaviensis
Ante Comes dictus; sed tandem Cornubiensis.
Demum Teutonicis tribuens amplissima dona
Insignitus erat, Caroli rutilante Coronâ.
Hinc Aquilam gessit clypeo, sprevitq; Leonem
Regibus omnigenis præcellens per rationem.
Dives opum Mundi; sapiens, concivâ modestus;
Alloquio, gestu, dum vixit, semper Honestus.
Jam Regnum Regno commutans pro meliore,
Regni calorum summo conregnâ honore.*

Dugd. Ber.
vol. 1, fol.
765.

Exc. 26 H. III.

Edmond Plantagenet succeeded his Father in the Earldom of *Cornwal*, and Anno 1271, 25 H. III. he accomplish'd his full Age of 21 Years, then received the Honour of Knighthood upon *St. Edwards* Day, and soon after was invested with the Title of Earl of *Cornwal* by Cincture

with the Sword, and before the End of the Year he married *Margaret*, the Sister of *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, and shortly after had Livery of the Castles of *Knaresburgh*, *Wallingford*, *Osney*, and *Berkhamsted*, of his Inheritance.

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*

Anno 1287, 15 *Edw. I.* he had a Grant of the Castle of *Osney*, to hold in Fee with the Shrievalty of this County of *Rutland*, and Anno 1288. 16 *Edw. I.* he was made Warden of *England* during the King's Absence in the Wars of *Scotland*, and during that time he laid Siege to *Broselan* Castle and demolished the Walls thereof, and Anno 1289, 17 *Edw. I.* he was constituted Sheriff for the County of *Cornwall* in Fee.

Rot. Pip. 15
& 19 Ed. I.
T. Walsing.
anno 1288.

Rot. Pip. 17
Ed. I.

In an Inquisition upon a Writ of *Ad quod Dampnum* brought Anno 18 *Edw. I.* the Jury found that the Earl of *Cornwall* and his Ancestors had, 1. A Court of View of Franc-pledge, and all things belonging to it. 2. Full Return of all Writs of the King. 3. Power to hold all Pleas in his Court which the Sheriffs hold in their County Courts, except Appeals and Outlaries. 4. Power to attach all Trespassors against the King's Peace found within the Liberty, and to keep them in *Berkhamsted* Goal until the next Goal Delivery to be made by the King's Justices. 5. Authority to institute a particular Coronet for that Liberty. 6. All Justices assigned by the King were obliged to execute their Office within the Liberty touching all Matters that related to the Liberty. 7. All the Justices Itinerants were bound to hear and determine all Offences and Matters in the Liberty which did arise there. 8. The Earl shall have all the Fines and Amerceaments of all his Tenants of the Honour of *Berkhamsted*, before all Justices, and levy them by his own Ministers. 9. Also the Goods of Felons and Fugitives, the Year, Day, and Wast. 10. The Earl and all his Tenants were free of Common Fines and Amerceaments of the whole County.

It was also found by Inquisition, taken at *Berkhamsted*, Anno 28 *Edw. I.* that there were four Knights' Fees held of *Edmond* Earl of *Cornwall* as of his Honour of *Berkhamsted*, of which *Nicholas de Bosco*, held the Mannor of *Northcote* by one Knights' Fee worth 40s. *per Annum*; *Jeffrey de Lucy* held *Agginton* and *Wetlau* by another Knights' Fee worth 40s. *per Annum*, and *Gadsden Parba* by another Knights' Fee worth 40s. *per Annum*, and *Ralph de Wedon* held *Wedon*, *Almondesham*, and *Swaneburn* in the County of *Bucks* by another Knight's Fee, and the Jury found by the same Inquisition, that

Exc. 28 Ed. I.

Edmond Earl of *Cornwall*, held of the King in *Capite*, in his Demeasne as of Fee the Castle of *Berkhamsted*, together with the Vill of *Berkhamsted*, and the same Halimot

*Hund. of
Buckram.*

with the other Appurtenances, the Services by two Knights' Fees, excepting two Messuages together with the Goal, the Pleas of the Crown, and other the Appurtenances, which the Rector of *Asherug*, and Convent of the same Place, held in the same Vill, which they had of the Gift of the said *Edmond* Earl of *Cornwal*, and by the Confirmation of the King, to them and their Successors, so that the said Rector and Convent, with all their Tenants, are quit in the said Vill from all Mannor of Tolls.

Also they say that there are 12 Burgesses in the Borough of *Berkhamsted*, of which the Abbot of *Messendon* held one Burgage, and ought Suit of Portmoot from 15 Days to 15 Days, the Abbot of *Reading* held another Burgage, and ought Suit as the aforesaid Abbot, and there are also 62 Free Tenants in the said Borough, and 22 Free Tenants of Serjeanty.

And there is a certain Wood called the *frith*, which contains in itself 763 Acres and one Rood, and a Common as well for the Freemen as the Villaines of *Berkhamsted* by the Year, excepting the time of Pannage, that is between the Feast of *St. Michael*, and the Feast of *St. Martin*, and Common for the Rector of *Asherug* and all his Tenants for the whole Year, as well in the time of Pannage as at other times, and the said Rector shall have House-boot and Hey-boot out of the said Wood.

Also they say that the Master of the House of *St. Thomas*, the Martyr of *Aton*, holds to him one Free Messuage and one Virgate of Land in *Berkhamsted*, and ought Suit of Court from three Weeks to three Weeks, and once Attendance at the Court of the View of Franc-Pledge for all Services; also they say that *Bartholomew Cryol* Lord of *Aldebury* and the same Vill, had free Ingress and Regress from the Wood of the *frith*, and ought to mow in one of the Parks with 16 Men, for Meat for the Lord one Day, and the Work of every Man was worth one Penny, and he himself or his Servant shall ride or go to view the Workmen, and he shall have Meat of the Lord twice in the Day; they also say that there was 33s. 6d. a Year paid for the common Fine at the great Court, of which the Vill of *Chippington* paid 2s. a Year, the Vill of *Croftincote*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Wetlaw*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Lee* and *Northcote*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Marston*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Drup-ton*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Albury*, 10s. per An. the Vill of *Robeton*, *Streston*, and *Lochton*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Widenden*, 12d. per An. the Vill of *Waddington*, 12d. per An. the Vill of *Agmondesham*, 12d. per An. the Vill of *Swandurn*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Lynford*, 1s. per An. the Vill of *Salden*, 2s. per An. the Vill of *Hyde* in *Mur-sle*, 1s. per An. the Vill of *Chengiate*, 1s. per An. the Vill of *Weldon*, 12d. per An.



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John Oliver

Bps Stamford, 1826

This Earl *Edmond* founded a Colledge at *Asherugg* in the County of *Bucks*, in Honour of the Blood of our Saviour, for certain Brethren called *Bonhones*, and for the Soul of *Richard King* of *Almain* his Father; he gave to the Monks of *Wetley* in the Suburbs of *Oxford*, all his Lands in North *Essex*, also his Mannor of *Bedington* and Mills at *Farsington* in that County; also one Acre of Land in *Well* near *Roslin*, with the Advowson of the Church of *Wendrope* in the Hundred of *Herter* in the County of *Cornwall*; also all his Woods at *Nettlebed*, and divers Houses in *London*, scituate in the Parish of *St. Thomas* the Apostle, with certain Lands in *Waplanston*, and sixty Shillings yearly Rent payable to the Monks of *Thame* out of the Mannor of *Stoke Talmach*; and he died without Issue at *Asherugg* on the Calends of *October*, Anno 1300, 28 H. I. being at that time seized of this Mannor among divers others.

Then this Honour and Castle of *Berkhamsted* reverted to the Crown; and Anno 1308, 1 *Edw. II.* *Piers Gaveston* having married *Margaret*, the second Sister and Coheir to *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, Daughter to *Joan* of *Acres* the King's Sister, at this Castle where the King was present, he procured a Grant of the Earldom of *Cornwall*, and this Castle to himself and this *Margaret* in Tail, with Remainder to the King and his Heirs, and soon after he obtained a Grant of the whole Earldom of *Cornwall* with this Castle, and the Mannor and Lands thereunto belonging, and of the Shrievalty of that County; but his Advancement with these rich Possessions made him insolent, that he despised the best of the Nobles, which exasperated them and inrag'd the People in general against him to that Height, that he was forced to fly to *Scarborough* Castle for Security, where they besieged him, and wearied out the Guards within with frequent Alarms, that *Piers* seeing no Remedy, yielded himself, promising to stand to the Judgment of the Barons, so that he might have Liberty to speak with the King; but as they were conveying him thither, a sober Person standing by, told them, that it would be a great Folly, having been at such a Charge and Trouble to take him, to hazard the losing of him again, saying, *That it would be much better that he should suffer Death, than that the Realm should be disturbed by a War*; Upon which they brought him out of the Prison to an Ascent called *Blacklow*, about a Mile North East from *Warwick*, where by the Hands of a Welch Man he was beheaded as a publick Traytor, which fulfilled the Prophecy, *That he should feel the sharp Teeth of the black Dog of Arden*; for so he used to call the Earl of *Warwick*.

Anno 1329, 2 *Edw. III.* *John*, born at *Eltham* in *Kent*, second Son to King *Edw. II.* was advanced to the Earl-

Hund. of
Dacorum.

Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol.
934.
Ibid. vol. 2,
fol. 344.

Exc. 26 H. I.

Dugd. Cor.
fol. 43.

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*
Pat. 4 Ed. III.

dom of Cornwall in that Parliament, which began at *Salisbury*, after the *Quindesm.* of *St. Michael*, and Anno 1331, 4 *Edw.* III. the King granted this Castle, Town, and Honour, with divers other Mannors valued at 2000 Marks *per Annum*, to him in Tail general; and Anno 1332, 5 *Edw.* III. upon the King's Expedition into Scotland, this Earl was made Lieutenant here during the King's Absence.

Dugd. Bar.
vol. 2, fol.
109.

Anno 1336, 10 *Edw.* III. the King having Intelligence that the *French* had promised to aid the *Scots*, he marched himself into that Realm with a great Army, and fortified the Castle of *Stribeling* with a deep Ditch, as also the Town of *St. Johnstons*, at which Place this *John* Earl of Cornwall falling sick, died without Wife or Issue, and was afterwards honourably buried in *St. Edmond's* Chappel within the Abby Church of *Westminster*, where his Monument still remaineth.

Stow's Annals
fol 242.

Anno 1346, 20 *Edw.* III. this King advanced *Edward* his eldest Son, called the Black Prince, to the Title and Dignity of Duke of Cornwall, and gave him the Castle, Mannor, and Vill of *Berkhamsted*, with the Park and the Honour of *Berkhamsted*, to hold to him and the Heirs of him, and the eldest Sons of the Heirs of the Kings of England, and the Dukes of the said Place, together with the Knights' Fees, Advowsons of Churches, Abbies, Priors, Hospitals, Chapels, Hundreds, Pischaries, Forrests, Chaces, Parks, Woods, Warens, Fairs, Markets, Liberties, Free Customs, Wards, Reliefs, Escheates, and Services, as well of Free as Bond Tenants, and all other things that belonged to the Castles, Vills, Mannors, Honours, &c. And this Duke attended the King in that great Expedition into France, where he tho' no more than sixteen Years of Age, commanded the Van of that great Battle of *Cressen*, and laid on so fiercely with Spear and Shield, whilst the Battle continued three Parts of the Night; in which time the *French* gave five great Assaults against the *English*, till at last they being conquered, ran away.

The next Day four Armies of fresh Souldiers came to the Assistance of the *French*, and gave the *English* Battle again, who withstanding them very stoutly, after a sharp Conflict, forced the *French* to fly, and in the Pursuit three thousand Men were slain on both Days, among whom were the Kings of *Bohemia* and *Majorica*, the Archbishop of *Caninus*, the Bishop of *Nepon*, the Dukes of *Lotain* and *Burbon*, the Earls of *Alanson*, *Warecourt*, *Aumar*, *Saboy*, *Nois*, *Mountbillard*, *Nibers*, and of *Flanders*, with the Grand Prior of the Hospital of *France*; and four hundred Men at Arms, besides common Souldiers without Number.

The Black Prince granted a Warrant dated *An.* 22 *Edw.*

III. to distrain the Bailiff of *Alesbury* by all his Goods found within the Honours of *Wallingford* and *Berkhamsted*; and to detain them there, till he satisfie the Prince for his Contempt in distraining the Prince's Tenants to pay Toll, and until he recompense the said Tenants.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

Anno 1356, 30 *Edw. III.* this valiant Prince fought that famous Battle of *Poitiers* in *France*, where King *Philip*, his Son, and a great Number of their Nobility were taken and brought into *England* on the 5th of *May*, and on the four and twentieth Day of the same Month, came to *London*, where the Citizens received the Prince with great Honour, then conveyed him to *Westminster*, where the King sitting in great State in the great Hall, received him and all his Prisoners, whence the French King was carried to a Lodging, where he lay awhile, and then was removed to the *Sabon*, which was at that time the House of the Duke of *Lancaster*, and a very pleasant Place.

But the 8th of *June*, Anno 1376, 50 *Edw. III.* this noble and valiant Prince died in the Archbishop's Pallace at *Canterbury*, who was in his time the Flower of Chivalry, and on the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel, buried with great Solemnity at *Christ Church* in *Canterbury*; after which King *Edward* created *Richard* his Son, Earl of *Chester*, Duke of *Cornwall*, and Prince of *Wales*.

*Stow's Annals
fol. 271.*

Anno 1388, 11 *Richard II.* when *Robert de Veer* was advanced to the Title and Dignity of Marquess of *Dublin*, and afterwards Duke of *Ireland*; this King gave him Liberty to reside at this Castle, which was one of his own royal Pallaces, allowing him Wood and Fuel, to be taken out of his Woods and Park for his Firing.

Anno 1400, 1 *H. IV.* *Henry* of *Monmouth* eldest Son to King *H. IV.* was created Duke of *Cornwall*, and possessor of this Castle, Honour, and Town of *Berkhamsted*.

Anno 1422, *Henry* of *Bunsor* eldest Son to King *H. V.* was advanc'd to the Dukedom of *Cornwall*, and enjoy'd this Castle, Honour, and Town of *Berkhamsted*.

Anno 1454, this Castle and Town was granted to *Edward* of *Westminster*, eldest Son to *H. VI.* but when that King was deposed, they came to the Possession of King *Edw. IV.* who granted the Stewardship of this Castle and Lordship, Anno 1461, 1 *Regni sui*, to *John* Lord *Wenlock*, who was preferr'd to the Dignity and Degree of a Baron, and made one of the King's Privy Council.

*Dugd. Bar.
vol. 2, fol.
264.*

Cicely Daughter of *Ralph Nevil*, Earl of *Westmorland*, Wife to *Richard* Duke of *York*, and Mother to this King, Anno 1496, 11 *H. VII.* died in this Place, after she had seen the deserv'd Fall of usurping *Richard*, who some say was born in this Castle, and since that time this Castle and

Norden, p.13.

*Stow's Annals
fol. 480.*

*Hand. of
Bacrum.
Pat. 2 Eliz.*

Honour has been annexed to the Dukedom of *Cornwall*, and appropriated to the Princes of *Wales* successively.

Anno 1560, 2 *Eliz.* that Queen demised the Scite, Circuit and Precinct hereof to *Edward Cary* for a Term of Years, under the Yearly Rent of a Red Rose, payable to the Queen at the Feast of *St. John Baptist*, and by other Letters Patents demised to him two Water Mills in this Town and Lordship, under the Yearly Rent of 7l. 8s. and the same Queen did grant by her Letters Patents the Mansion House, with this Lodge and Park, to this Sir *Edward Carey* and the Lady *Paget* his Wife, and to the Heirs Males of their Bodies for ever, to hold of the Queen, her Heirs and Successors, as of this Lordship, by Fealty only in free Socage, and not in *Capite*, rendring a Fee Farm Rent of 8l. 6s. 8d.

And the same Queen by Letters Patents dated Anno 2 *Regni sui* constituted this Sir *Edward Carey* High Steward of this Honour and Mannor. This Sir *Edward Carey* obtained a Lease of this Castle and Mannor, and from him this Mannor and Castle came to Sir *Adolph Carey* who dying the 10th of *April*, 1609, it descended to Sir *Edward Carey*, who succeeded him, and two third Parts of the Mannor-house being burnt down, about 30 Years since he repaired the House, but not above a third Part or a little more remains now standing, and yet is a very fair large Building, but since he sold the same to *John Sayer*, Esq. who held it sometime, and died possess hereof on the 11th of *February*, 1682, leaving Issue three Sons, *John*, *Edward*, and *Joseph*, whereof *John* and *Joseph* are dead, and *Edward* is now the present Possessor hereof.

*Customs of the Honour and Mannor of
BERKHAMSTED.*

THE Court Leets for the Honour of *Berkhamsted* shall be kept at five several Places, viz. the Halimoot of *Berkhamsted* shall be kept every Year at an House built on the Ground where the old Castle stood, on *Monday* in *Witson* Week, and *Monday* next after the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel. The Court for the Honour, and Mannor or Burrough of *Berkhamsted*, shall be yearly held in the Church House or Loft in the Town of *Berkhamsted*, on every *Tuesday* in *Witson* Week, and on every *Tuesday* next after the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel.

The Mannor of *Aldbury*, part of the said Honour and Mannor, shall be held in the Town of *Aldbury* (where several other Towns and Hamlets appear as Members thereof) and two more, one in *Buckinghamshire*, and the other in

Northamptonshire, shall be held sometimes in one Town, and sometimes in another, at Discretion.

*Hand of
Baronum.*

The Towns, Hamlets, &c. which appear and choose Constables, &c. at **Albury Leet** are, 1 **Albury**, 2 **Mugginton**, 3 **Northcot cum Lee**, 4 **Bunsley cum Grove**, 5 **Pendley**, 6 **Drayton Beaucham**, 7 **Cheddington**, 8 **Cubbecote**, 9 **Long Marston**, 10 **Helstrap**, Grounds belonging to the Lord **Cheiny**, 11 **Bellon**, Grounds belonging to the Lord **Marquis Caermarthen** and Earl of **Darby**, which were formerly a Village.

The Towns and Hamlets, &c. in **Buckinghamshire**, which are Parts and Members of the Honour and Mannor of **Berkhamsted** and Part of the Dutchy of **Cornwal**, and do elect Constables, &c. at such of the same Town, as shall be appointed for the keeping the Leet of that County are, 1 **Agmondesham alias Amersham**, 2 **Weldon on the Hill**, 3 **Wingrave**, 4 **Wexen**, 5 **Burston House**, 6 **Weldon in the Vale**, 7 **Chepne Fee in Swanburn Village**, 8 **Willesdon alias Wildesden**, 9 The Village of **Hyde in Mursly** now only an House, 10 **Sadden House** anciently a Village, 11 **Lymford**, 12 **Lotton alias Lottton**, 13 **Wastton alias Wobeton**, 14 **Wabington alias Waudon**, 15 **Wexen**, under Wood.

The Towns, Hamlets, &c. in **Northamptonshire** are, 1 **Old Stratford**, 2 **Fortho cum Cosgrave**, 3 **Easton cum Bulcot** now Sir **William Farmer's House**, 4 **Forleys**, a House and Grounds, 5 **Woxley**, 6 **Middleton Chepne**, 7 **Charlton**, 8 **Charwelton**, 9 **Westfarnden**, 10 **Snoscumbe**, 11 **Preston on the Hills**, 12 **Forsley an House**, 13 **Thornix Dabentry**, 14 **Melton**, 15 **Hazelbeerch**, 16 **Harleston**, 17 **Crofton**, 18 **Thornby**, 19 **East Farndon**, 20 **Botwoden Parba**, 21 **Orenden Parba**, now only some Grounds that lie within a Mile from **Botwoden**, 22 **Dingly** now Sir **Edward Griffins House**, 23 **Harleton**, 24 **Arthingworth**, 25 **Old Thorpe and Harleston**, the first is the Lord **Sunderland's House**, 26 **Thorpe near Dabentry**, 27 **Hanging Houghton**.

These Towns and Hamlets, &c. in **Northamptonshire** and **Wicks**, I suppose, used anciently to appear at the great Court where all the Rest of the Tenants met, and were but one united Court kept in the Castle of **Berkhamsted** whilst it was standing; but now each County hath its several Court Leets, besides the *Certum Lets*, or Head Silver, and the said Towns or most of them pay certain Sums of Money for Relaxation of Court.

The whole Number of Towns belonging to the said Honour and Mannor of **Berkhamsted** and **Northchurch** are 55, besides that two Hamlets are sometimes put together for one, as **Portot cum Lee**, **Bunsley cum Grove**.

The Court Barons are kept in two Places, viz. in the said Castle and in the *Loft* at **Berkhamsted**.

*Hund. of
Borough.*

One customary Tenant may in the Presence of another take Surrenders out of Court.

The Lord upon the Admission of any Tenant, either upon Descent or Purchase, shall have a certain Fine to the yearly Value of one Year's Quit Rent.

Copihold Lands may be entailed by the Custome.

Copiholder may be Tenant by the Courtesie.

Fem Copiholder may have Dower of the third Part of the Copihold Lands that her Husband was seiz'd of.

Customary Tenant may devise his Copihold Lands for three Years without License, but no longer without Forfeiture.

The Lord's Bailiff receives all Waifs, Estraises, Felons' Goods, Treasure Trove, and such like Profits arising out of the Burrough.

The Bailiffs of the Burrough receive all Waifs &c. arising within the Burrough to their own Use, paying yearly to the King's High Steward for them and the Profits of the Fair, twenty Shillings.

On *Monday* in every Week a Market shall be kept within this Burrough, and on the Feast Day of *St. James* the Apostle, a Fair shall be held there every Year; and the Church Wardens of the Parish Church by ancient Usage have received the Profits thereof for the Repair of the Church and Relief of the Poor.

18 Decemb. 1584, 27 Eliz.

An AGREEMENT made between the Bailiff of the Honour and the Bailiff of the Burrough and Inhabitants of *Berkhamsted*.

Whereas there have been divers Controversies between the Bailiff of the Honour of *Berkhamsted*, and the Bailiff of the Town or Burrough, and the Inhabitants there, for the Pacifying of all Strifes, they have concluded as follows.

Imprim. *THE* Bailiff of the Town shall collect all the *Amercements* and *Estreats* in the Burrough, and for non payment shall distrain, and account at the next Court Leet, and pay the one half to the Bailiff of the Honour; and they shall not pardon any Fine or Amercement without order from the High Steward, or can shew sufficient cause to the Bailiff of the Honour, and such as they shall pardon or release to be forgiven notwithstanding the *Estreats*.

Item, The Bailiffs of the Town or Burrough shall yield a true Account or pay to the Bailiff of the Honour, the one half of the *Waifs*, *Estraises*, *Fugitives*, or *Felons* Goods whatsoever at the End of their Year; and if any such Goods be not equally valued, than if the Bailiff of the Honour will give to the Bailiff of the Burrough more than they will pay or give to him for the other half, then he to have and take such Goods as will give the other most in recompence, provided if the Bailiff of the Burrough deny such Payment or Account, then the Bailiff of the Honour shall distrain for such things so denied.

Item, It is agreed that the Bailiff of the Honour or his Deputy may distrain any within the Town that come to them, which have been amerced in any of her Majesties Courts abroad in other Places, within the Honour.

Item, If the Bailiff of the Honour at any time come to the Town to make any pryey search, or to redress any Disorders or disorder'd Persons, the Bailiff of the Town and other Officers shall accompany him, and help to reform any thing that shall be amiss.

Item, It is fully agreed, as well by the Bailiff of the Honour as the Bailiffs and other Inhabitants of the Town or Burrough aforesaid, that if any manner of Controversie arise, or grow from any manner or such Cause between them as they cannot agree, they shall refer the matter, and stand to the Judgment of the High Steward for the ending of the same.

Hund. of
Bacorum.

In witness whereof as well the Bailiff of the Honour, as the Bailiffs and other Inhabitants of the Town or Burrough, hereunto have set their Hands.

Will. Saltmarsh
Francis Witherid

Th. Waterhouse
Ri. Chapel } Bailiffs
Th. Aston } of the
Burrough,
Robert Burton
Richard Pinfold
John Hudnal
John Grover

Rich. Adkins
Step. White
Mich. Clark
Ch. Cranwel
Hen. Field
Joh. Blunt
Rom. Clarke.

Brief Notes of the LIBERTIES and PRIVILEGES of Berkhamsted, collected out of the Charters granted by the Kings of this Realm to the Prince, by Mr. Auditor Huckmore.

No Sheriff, Escheator, Commissioner, Coroner, or Clerk of the Market of the King's, shall enter into his Highness's Liberties for execution of any Writs or Precepts.

2. No Sheriff or other Officer aforesaid shall Attatch, Distrein, or Arrest any of his Highness's Tenants, although they find them out of his Highness's Liberties, but send their Process to the Prince's Ministers.

3. Recognizances and Fines for Regrating and Forestalling.

4. No Sheriff, Escheator, nor other Officer of the King shall intermeddle in the collection of Tithingpence, Headsilver, Hundredsilver, Aid, Vicountell, Fines for Suit or Ward, or Fines for the Sheriff, within his Highness's Liberties.

5. His Highness's Tenants shall be free and quit from all Tolls, Pontage, Pannage, Stallage, and Customes whatsoever within the Kingdom of England.

6. His Highness's Tenants shall be free from Purveyance.

7. Neither the Steward, Marshall, Coroner, nor other Officer of the King's Household, shall enter into his Highness's Liberties for the execution of their Office.

8. All Liberties granted in as ample manner as Prince Edward Son of Edward III. or any other Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, and Earl of Chester, had, or enjoyed the same by Vertue of any former Grant.

BERKHAMSTED BURROUGH.

PARLIAMENT at Westminster, 14 Edw. III. John Bartlet and John Hammond were elected to serve as Burgesses for this Burrough in this Parliament.

Prin's Parl
Brev. pt. 4.
p 917.

Mr. Prin takes Notice of no more Burgesses of Parliament returned for this Burrough; but Dr. Brady that learned Gentleman, and sometime Keeper of the Records in the Tower, affirmed to me, that he had seen another Return there from this Burrough.

When the Charter of this Corporation was first obtain'd from the Crown, most of the Inhabitants of Berkhamsted were sensible that their Priviledges by their ancient Charters were very great, and opposed the Grant of this Charter thro' Fear that it should destroy or weaken any of their former Grants, Freedoms, or Priviledges.

*Hind. of
Bacorum.*
Pat. 16 Jac. I.

Power to pur-
chase.

Common Seal.

Bailiff.

Chief Bur-
gesses.

Guildhall.

King *James I.* by his Charter under the Great Seal of England dated the 18th Day of *July*, Anno 16 Regni sui, incorporated the Inhabitants of this Burrough into one Body corporate and politick, by the Name of Bailiff and Burgesses of the Burrough of ~~Berkhamsted~~ *St. Peter* in the County of ~~Hertford~~, and by the same Name, to have perpetual Succession to buy Goods and Chattels, and to purchase Lands and Tenements, and also to grant and devise the same, and by the same Name to implead and answer.

Their Bailiff and Burgesses may have a common Seal, and may break and renew the same at Pleasure.

There shall be one Bailiff in the Burrough for the future, who shall be chosen out of the Burgesses, and *Francis Barker* the elder, Gent. an Inhabitant, and one of the Burgesses of the Burrough is constituted the first Bailiff of the Burrough, to continue in this Office from the Date of the Charter till *Michaelmas* then next following, and from thence till another Burgess should be chosen and sworn to the said Office, if the said *Francis Barker* shall so long live; the said *Francis Barker* to be sworn before the twelve capital Burgesses, or the major Part of them.

There shall be twelve Men in the Burrough of the best and most honest Burgesses, who shall be called Capital Burgesses of the Burrough, and the said Bailiff or Capital Burgesses shall be the Common Council of the Burrough, and Assistant to the Bailiff for the time being in all Causes and Matters concerning the Burrough; and *James Mayne*, Esq. *Thomas Newnham*, Batchelour of Divinity and Rector of the Church of ~~Berkhamsted~~, *Thomas Hunt*, M. A. *Francis Withred*, Gent. *Arthur Blunt*, Gent. *Francis Spring*, Gent. *George Dover*, Gent. *Richard Speed*, Gent. *Oliver Haynes*, Gent. *William Pitkin*, Gent. *Henry Field* the younger, and *Stephen Besouth*, Inhabitants of this Burrough were constituted the first twelve Capital Burgesses of this Burrough, to continue in their Offices so long as they well behaved themselves, taking their Oaths before the Bailiff, who is required to administer the same.

The Bailiff and Burgesses might purchase a Council House or Guild Hall within the Burrough, where they, or the major Part of them, (whereof the Bailiff for the time being shall be one) might at their Pleasure hold a Court or Convocation to make Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances for the Burrough, and to consult the good Government thereof, and to impose Pains, Fines, Penalties, and Imprisonments upon Offenders, and to levy them to their own Use, without any Account for the same, so that such Laws and Ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of the Realm.

Some honest and discreet Man, learned in the Laws, shall be elected Recorder by the Bailiff and Burgesses, or the major Part of them, (of whom the Bailiff shall be one) who shall be sworn before the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses for the time being, or four of them at the least, and shall execute the said Office at their Pleasure.

*Hund. of
Bacram.*
Recorder.

There shall be a Common Clerk chosen yearly in the like Manner on the Monday before *Michaelmas*, who shall be sworn before the Bailiff and Capital Burgesses, or any four or three of them, and if he dies or shall be removed, the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses shall choose and swear another in like Manner within eight Days then next following, to exercise the Office during the rest of the Year,

Common
Clerk.

When any of the Chief Burgesses shall die or be removed from his Place by the Bailiff or Chief Burgesses, or major Part of them, for any reasonable Cause, then the Bailiff and the remaining Part of the Chief Burgesses shall choose one or more of the Burgesses or Inhabitants of the Burrough in their Rooms who shall be sworn before the Bailiff.

The Bailiff and Chief Burgesses, or major Part of them, shall yearly choose on the Monday next before *Michaelmas* one of the Chief Burgesses to be principal Burgess or Bailiff designed for the ensuing Year; and shall take his Oath before the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses there present; and he honestly behaving himself for that Year shall be chosen Bailiff the next Year, and shall be sworn before the last Bailiff his Predecessor on *Michaelmas* day, or if he be absent, before any other who hath been Bailiff in the presence of the Capital Burgesses, or the major Part of them, or any four of them at the least, and if he happen to die or be removed from his Office within the Year, then another of the Chief Burgesses shall be chosen in his Room by the Capital Burgesses or major Part of them, for the Residue of the Year, and shall be sworn as aforesaid.

Election of
the Principal
Burgesses.

Election of
Bailiff.

The Bailiff, Recorder, and principal Burgess, or Bailiff designed, shall be Justices of the Peace in the Burrough, and they and every of them may do whatsoever, one, two or three Justices of the Peace for the County of *Hertford*, or elsewhere within this Realm, may do, so that they proceed not to the Determination of any Fault touching Life or Loss of Member, without a special Warrant from the King, his Heirs and Successors.

Justices of
the Peace.

The Bailiff shall be sworn before the Capital Burgesses, or four of them at the Least, well and truly to execute the Office of Justice of the Peace within the said Burrough and Liberty thereof, and the Recorder and Principal Burgess shall be sworn to execute the said Office of Justice of the Peace within the said Burrough and Liberty before the

Swearing of
Justices.

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

Serjeants at
Mace.

Bailiff of the said Burrough, and afterwards every Bailiff shall be elected, and sworn to execute the said Office before his Predecessor,

There shall be two Serjeants at the Mace elected yearly on Monday next before *Michaelmas* out of the Burgesses inhabiting within the said Burrough, to hold the said Office for one whole Year, by the Bailiff and Capital Burgesses, or the major Part of them, (whereof the Bailiff shall be one) to execute Process, Mandates, and other Businesses in the Burrough, and to attend from time to time on the Bailiff; and they shall be sworn before the Bailiff and Burgesses or the major Part of them, (of whom the Bailiff shall be one) and they shall bear a Silver Mace engraven'd and adorned with the Arms of the most illustrious Prince *Charles*, most dear Son to King *James I.* before the Bailiff of the Burrough for the time being and his Successors, every where within this Burrough, Liberties and Precincts hereof, and if any Bailiff, capital Burgess, or other inferior Officer of this Burrough (except the Recorder or Common Clerk) shall after such Choice or Notice thereof, and three Days following, refuse the said Office, then the Capital Burgesses or major Part of them, may impose such Fines or Amercements as they shall think fit to levy by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Refusers, or commit them to Goal, till they shall pay them to the Use of this Burrough.

Court of
Record.

The Bailiff and Burgesses, and their Successors, shall hold within this Burrough one Court of Record on Tuesday, once in every Month, before the Bailiff, or in his Absence, before the Principal Burgess and Capital Burgesses, or any three of them, and the Recorder for the time being, and therein shall have Cognizance by Plaint of all and all Manner of Pleas, Actions, Suits, and Demands whatsoever, Trespasses, Force and Arms, Threatnings, burning of Houses, and Loss of Men, or otherwise, done or which shall be done in Contempt of the King, his Heirs and Successors, or against the Form of any Statute for the keeping of the Peace, or Security of the People, of Thieves, and of whatsoever other Transgressions, Faults and Offences perpetrated within the Burrough, Liberties, and Precincts of the same; and of all and all Manner of Debts, Accompts, Covenants, Deceits, and Detentions of Charters, Writings, and Miniments, and Goods, Chattels, and Cattle taken and detained, and other Contracts whatsoever, for whatsoever Causes or Things (not touching Life or Loss of Member as aforesaid) arising within this Burrough, Liberty or Precinct hereof, so as the same Trespasses, Debts, Accompts, Covenants, Deceits, and Detentions, or other Contracts do not exceed the Sum of ten Pounds; and that such Pleas, Complaints, &c. shall be heard and determined before the Bailiff

and Principal Burgesses, or either of them, and the Capital Burgesses for the time being, or before three of them, and the Recorder by such and like Manners and Ways, and according to the Law and Custome of England, and in as ample Manner and Form as is used and accustomed in any Court of Record, in any City, Burrough, or Town corporate within England; and all Fines, Amerciaments, and other Profits of this Court shall be to their proper Use, without any Account or other Thing to be paid to the Crown for the same.

*Hind. of
Bacrum.*



The Bailiff and Chief Burgesses shall have a Prison or Goal within this Burrough, and the Bailiff shall be Keeper thereof.

Goal.

The Bailiff and Burgesses, and their Successors, may hold a Market on every *Thursday* within this Burrough, besides the ancient Market held there on every *Monday* in the Week, with all Tolls, Stallage, Shops, and other Emoluments thereof arising there, to be paid to the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses, and their Successors, to their own proper Use, without any Accompt to be made to the King, his Heirs or Successors.

Market.

They shall also hold two Fairs more, one on *Shrove-Tuesday*, the other on *Whitson-Monday*, in every Year, besides the ancient Fair on *St. James's Day*, with a Court of Pypowder, and shall have all Commodities, Stalls, Stallage, Shops, Emoluments, and Advantages whatsoever arising by the said Fairs, without any Accompt.

Fair.

They shall also hold and quietly enjoy all the Customes, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Exonerations, Quietances, Rights, and Jurisdictions, heretofore granted by any of the Kings or Queens of England, or by Prince *Charles*, to them or their Predecessors.

Customs and
Umge.

That the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses of this Burrough might the better sustain and support the Burden and Charges within this Burrough, the King granted License to them to buy and possess as well of the King as any other his leige People or Persons whatsoever, Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tenths, Rents, Revenues, Services, Hereditaments whatsoever, to them and their Successors, so as they were not held of the King, his Heirs or Successors, in *Capite*, or by Knight's Service, without any special License of the King or Lord of the Mannor, and so as the said Mannors, Messuages, &c. shall not exceed the yearly Sum of forty Marks; and that the said Bailiff and Burgesses might have these Letters Patents made and sealed under the Great Seal of England, without Fine or Fee to the King in his Hanaper or else where.

License to
purchase.

William Camden, Clarendieux King of Arms, by his Grant dated the 25th of *September*, Anno 16 *Jac. I.* reciting

*Head of
Bucran.*



the said Grant that the King had incorporated the Burrough of **Werkhamsted St. Peters** in the County of **Hertford**, by the Name of Bailiff and Burgesses of the Burrough of **Werkhamsted St. Peters** in the said County of **Hertford**, and withal had granted to them a Mace adorned with the Arms of his most dear Son Prince *Charles*, and a peculiar Seal for the Administration of their Affairs, assigned to them these Arms: *In a Shield Or, a triple tower'd Castle Azure, with a Bordar of Cornwal, viz. Sables besanted.*

Prince's
Lease.

Charles Prince of **Wales**, Duke of Cornwall and **Dork**, and Earl of **Chester**, by Indenture made the 16th Day of *June*, in the 17th Year of King *James I.* over **England**, in the 52nd Year over **Scotland**, &c. granted to the Bailiff and Burgesses of **Werkhamsted St. Peters**, then incorporate,

Coroner.
Clerk of the
Market.

That the Bailiff should be Coroner and Clerk of the Market to his Highness within the Burrough of **Werkhamsted St. Peters**, and Halimot thereunto adjoining, and within the several Parishes of **Werkhamsted St. Peter**, and **Werkhamsted St. Mary alias Northchurch**, and to take lawful Fees for the same to the Use of the Corporation.

Bailiff for the
return of
Writs.

That the Bailiff shall be the Prince's Bailiff for the Execution and Return of all Writs and Process of the King within the Burrough, Halimote, and said Parishes by himself or his Deputies, taking due Fees for the same to the Use of the Corporation; and also the Prince demised to the Bailiff and Burgesses all Fines and Amerceaments assess'd in any of his Highness's Courts within the Burrough of **Werkhamsted St. Peter**, and **Werkhamsted St. Mary alias Northchurch**; and the High Steward shall deliver the Extracts, and give Warrant to the Bailiff and Burgesses to levy the Fines and Amerceaments by their own Ministers to the Uses aforesaid, and also all Waifs and Estranges, and all Goods and Chattels of Felons, Fugitives, and Outlawes, and all other Profits whatsoever belonging to a View of Franc-pledge, and all Deodands and Waifs in the Burrough and Parishes, and the Profit of all Recognizances forfeited by any Person within the Burrough or Limits aforesaid, and also the Toll and Profit of the ancient Fair and Market there, to the Uses aforesaid.

Fines and
Amercements.

Tolls, Stallage

That all his Highness's Tenants, and all the Inhabitants within the Burrough shall be free and exempted from all Tolls, Stallage, and other Customes, whatsoever within **England**, (except it be for Pontage or Highways,) to have and to hold the same Liberties, Priviledges, Profits, and Commodities, and all and singular the Premises with their Appurtenances to the Bailiff and Burgesses aforesaid, and their Successors, from the Feast of *St. Michael* last past, for the Term of one and thirty Years, paying twenty Shillings a Year to his Highness's particular Farmer for his

Highness's Use, at *Lady-day* and *Michaelmas* by equal Portions; and if the Rent should be behind for twenty-eight Days after any of the said Feasts, then the Grant shall cease and be void.

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*

The Names of the BAILIFFS, RECORDERS, CAPITAL BURGESSES, and other Officers of the Burrough of *Berkhamstead*.

BAILIFFS.

1628 <i>William Lake</i>	1649 <i>William Hill</i>
1635 <i>Oliver Hains</i>	1650 <i>Francis Pitkin</i>
1636 <i>William Pitkin</i>	1651 <i>Robert Rennold</i>
1637 <i>Stephen Besouth</i>	1652 <i>Robert Newman</i>
1638 <i>Samuel Dagnal</i>	1653 <i>Ralph Benning</i>
1639 { <i>William Halsey</i>	1654 <i>John Hore</i>
<i>Robert Blunt</i>	1655 <i>Thomas Aldridge</i>
1640 <i>William Hill</i>	1656 { <i>Robert Benning</i>
1641 <i>Robert Reynold</i>	<i>William Hill</i>
1642 <i>Ralph Benning</i>	1657 <i>Maurice Kellet</i>
1643 <i>John Benning</i>	1658 <i>Francis Nixon</i>
1644 <i>John Tey</i>	1659 <i>Thomas Newman</i>
1645 <i>Robert Benning</i>	1660 <i>Christop. Woodhouse</i>
1646 <i>John Barker</i>	1661 <i>William Hill</i>
1647 <i>William Barker</i>	1662 <i>Robert Rennold</i>
1648 <i>George Dover</i>	1663 <i>Robert Newman</i>

RECORDERS.

1638 <i>Henry Guy, Esq.</i>	1644 <i>Henry Ewre, Esq.</i>
1640 <i>John Duncomb, Esq.</i>	1650 <i>John Norbury, Esq.</i>
1643 <i>John Howland, Esq.</i>	1658 <i>William Cotton, Esq.</i>

CHIEF BURGESSES.

1628 <i>William Lake</i>	<i>William Parker</i>
<i>William Hill</i>	<i>Maurice Kellet</i>
<i>George Dover</i>	<i>Francis Pitkin</i>
<i>Francis Barker</i>	<i>William Pitkin</i>
<i>William Pitkin</i>	<i>Stephen Besouth</i>
<i>Thomas Newman</i>	<i>Robert Blount</i>
<i>Francis Withered</i>	1648 <i>John Bailly</i>
<i>Edward Kellet</i>	<i>William Theede</i>
<i>Thomas Hunt</i>	1649 <i>Robert Newman</i>
<i>Oliver Hains</i>	<i>John Hore</i>
<i>Stephen Besouth</i>	<i>Francis Nixon</i>
<i>Samuel Dagnal</i>	1651 <i>Thomas Aldridge</i>
<i>William Axtel</i>	1652 <i>Thomas Newman</i>
1638 <i>Ralph Benning</i>	1656 <i>Christoph. Woodhouse</i>
<i>Robert Darvol, elected</i>	<i>Mordecay Herne</i>
<i>but fined</i>	1657 <i>Francis Withered</i>
<i>John Benning</i>	1659 <i>John Nash</i>
<i>Robert Rennold</i>	1662 <i>Francis Clerk</i>
<i>Robert Benning</i>	<i>William Hill</i>
1640 <i>John Tey</i>	<i>John Child</i>
1641 <i>Robert Benning</i>	<i>Thomas Topping</i>
1643 <i>William Lake</i>	<i>William Babb.</i>
1645 <i>John Barker</i>	

COMMON CLERKS.

1637 <i>Robert Blunt, Gent.</i>	1645 <i>Richard Dover, Gent.</i>
1639 <i>William Axtel, Gent.</i>	1653 <i>George Dover, Gent.</i>
1640 <i>John Dover, Gent.</i>	1659 <i>Francis Clerke, Gent.</i>
1642 <i>Forster Rainsford, Gent.</i>	1663 <i>Daniel Clerke, Gent.</i>
1643 <i>Robert Blount, Gent.</i>	

*Hund. of
Bucorum.*

SERJEANTS at MACE.

1638 John Varney, Thomas Hudnol,	1644 George Garry, James Eames
William Cock, elected in the place	1646 William Bulley, John Wray
of Thomas Hudnol.	1656 John Wray, James Eames
1639 William Cock, John Varney	1658 James Eames, William Bulley
1640 John Cock, William Keeper	1659 William Bulley, John Addams
1641 John Cock, Thomas Hudnol	1660 Will. Bulley, Will. Hawes.

A Quo Warranto was brought in — Term, Anno 16 — against the Bailiff and Burgesses of this Corporation, who pleaded their Charter, upon which I was informed there was no farther Proceeding, but the Corporation growing very poor in the time of the late War, let their Government fall, however four of the Chief Burgesses are still living in the Town, who by the Charter may choose a Bayliff, and may still fill up the Number of Burgesses.

THIS Church is a Rectory and a rural Deanery, scituated in the Deanery of *Berkhamstead*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, and Anno 20 H.VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 20*l.* and the King is Patron hereof.

RECTORS.

Thomas Newman
John Napper

Robert Brabant, A.M. and Chaplain to
King William and Queen Mary

This Church is dedicated to the Honour of St. Peter the Apostle, and is erected near the Middle of the Town by Richard Torrington (as the Inhabitants have a Tradition) a Man who was in great Favour with *Edmond Plantagenet* Duke of Cornwall, the Son of *Richard Plantagenet* second Son of King John Earl of Cornwall, and King of the Romans; and the Tower at the West End of the Church was rebuilt An. 27 Hen. VIII. as is supposed by John Philip: 'Tis well leaded and adorned, in very good Repair; and there is in it a Ring of five Bells, but not very tuneable; and at the upper End of the Body of the Church is their present Majesties' Arms, with the Garter, Mantlings, Doubling, Helmet, Crest, Supporters, Motto's, Inscriptions, &c. well and largely painted, and laid with Gold over the same, a rich Cap of State, and over all, their Majesties' Names, William and Mary in Characters upheld by two Cherubs; on the right Side of the Arms stands Justice with a Sword in her right Hand, and a Ballance in her Left, looking towards the Effigies of Mercy, which stands on the left Side of the Arms, with a Pardon sealed in her right Hand, and her golden Scepter in her left, both of them depicted at large, standing upon two Pedestals of Stone between two Pillars of the like firmly carved on the Top; Justice having writ on her Head in Letters of Gold, *Fear God and honour the King.* And upon the Pedestal, *To do Justice is more acceptable to the Lord than Sacrifice*, Prov. cap. xxi, v. 3. *Whoever resisteth the Power receive to themselves Damnation.* And upon her Pedestal, *Mercy and Truth preserveth the King.* Prov. xx, 28. And on each Side the whole are two Pillars marbled.

Underneath their present Majesties, is Queen Elizabeth's Arms newly painted again, which remained all the late civil Laws untouched or blemish'd; so did also the Arms of King James I. which were lately changed into King Williams and Queen Mary, nor the Arms of King Edward VI. in the Chapel of St. John suffered any Injury in the Heat of all those Troubles.

Under the Arms of Queen Elizabeth is writ.

This mighty Queen is dead, and lives,
And leaves the World to wonder,
How she a Maiden Queen did rule,
Few Kings have gone beyond her.

On both Sides the Arms of Queen Elizabeth, are the ten Commandments, and on each Side the Commandments stand Moses with his budded

Rod in his right Hand, and the Tables with the ten Commandments characterized after the Manner of the Eastern Languages, and Letters in his left Hand in the Habit of a Prince, and Aaron standing on the left Hand clothed in his priestly Vestiments, and having the Censor burning in his left Hand.

The Pillars of the whole Church are marbled; the Creeds and the various Sentences of Scripture are incircled and adorned with Paintings.

At the lower End of the Body of the Church a very good Marble Font is erected between two Pillars, by *Francis Withered*, Esq. Controller of the Works of his Majesty King *Charles II.* Anno 1667, with a guilt Crown thereon and a guilt Dove over it, and has a decent Cover which with Pullies rise and falls as the same is covered or uncovered.

The Pulpit is adorn'd in proportion to the rest of the Church. The Communion Table is decently railed in, the Seats are uniform to each other, and the Walls of the whole Church are beautified and kept in good Repair.

In the Chancel.

In the Isle on the East Side of the Altar, Sir *Adolph Cary*, Kt. was buried on the 10th Day of *April*, 1609. Anno 7 *Ja.* I. his Banners were taken down not long since; having hung as long as they could, but the Helmet, Sword and Crest, which is on a *Wreath Argent and Sable*, a *Swan proper*, on its *Breast a Cressent Sable* are still remaining on the Side of a Pillar: in the Isle his Paternal Coat is in a *Field Argent*, on a *Bend Sable three Roses of the second*, *Barbed proper*, with a *Crescent for the difference of his Family*; which is impaled with another Coat thus, In a *Field Argent*, a *Bend Sable within a Bordure engrailed of the second*. Under them in a Compartment is subscribed for a Motto *Non Antiquitas sed Virtus Honor*.

In the same Isle near the former is an ancient Tomb, the Brass Inscription whereof is gone, but by the Atchievement, which is curiously inlaid thereon with Brass, Iron, &c. compared with the Register Book of the Parish for Burials, 'twas in memory of Sir *John Cornwallis*, Kt. who was one of the Council to Prince *Edward*, afterwards King *Edward VI.* he died at *Asperidge*, and was buried here, 1 of *May*, 1543, 35 *Henry VIII.*

The Atchievement on his Tomb is as follows.

Party per pale Baron and Fem, his five Coates marshalled viz. the first, *Sable Gutes de Eaw*, on a *Fess Argent three Cornish Choughs proper*, by the name of *Cornwallis*. The second, a *Cross Flores*. The third, a *Bend Dexter between six Crocreslets fitchet in Base*. The fourth, *Barry of fourteen pieces*, a *Dexter quarter*. The fifth, a *Cheveron between three Storkes* (as I believe) proper; here is a *Cheveron between three Phaons*, the whole insigned with an *Helmet answerable to his Degree*, mantled and doubled, and on a *Turf a Cornish Chough proper with the Wings expanded*, and holding in his Mouth two blades of *Grass*, one of *Cinqueseyle* the other of *Troyfoyle*.

In the Chancel going into the Church by the Belfry, one Tomb in the Wall has this Inscription on the Gravestone before it.

Hic jacet Johannes Waterhouse et Margareta uxor ejus.

Upon the Tomb on the Wall is an Atchievement containing twelve Coats of Arms: The first a Paternal Coat whereof is, *Or a Pile engrailed Sable*, ——— and under the Atchievements are these Verses

*Ecce sub hoc Tumulo Conjux Uxorque jacemus
Æternam Pacem donet Utriq; Deus.
Nil unquam abetulumus, si quid benefecimus ulli,
Est qui pro Meritis præmia digna dabit.
Est tamen una salus Christi, Misericordia, quam qui
Transis, Ambobus sæpe precare precor.*

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*



*Hund. of
Buckingham*

Upon the Marble on the Wall over the Tomb is written

John Waterhouse, Gent. deceased died the 11th day of August an. 1558. and Margaret his Wife deceased the 10th day of January in the same year, which John and Margaret had issue, viz. John, Thomas, William, Edward, Arthur, and Charles.

Not far from the former Monument is another thus,

Here under lyeth interred the Body of the worthy Lady Dame *Margaret Waterhouse* deceased, Daughter of *Thomas Spilman* of *Chart* in the County of *Kent*, Esq; in the Memory of whose virtues and Dearest Love *Sir Edward Waterhouse*, Kt. her Husband hath caused this Monument to be erected; She died the 6th day of July 1587. *etatis sue 38.* and he 30th of October *etatis sue 55.* and lyeth buried with his last wife Dame *Deborah*, at the Mannor of *Widdowbury* in *Kent*.

Over this Inscription is the beforementioned Paternal Coat of *Waterhouse* impaled with hers, which is, in a *Field sable, two Bars Argent, between two Mulletts in Chief Or, and a Beant Base*; and under the Coat, of Arms, and over her Effigies, which is kneeling, is thus written.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

There is another that has this Inscription.

Hereunder lie the Bodies of *Thomas Waterhouse*, Gent. deceased, and *Mary* his Wife, who lived together in Marriage 32 Years, and had Issue between them six Sons and five Daughters; he died the 7th Day of September, Anno 1600, in the 68th Year of his Age, and she died the 4th Day of December, Anno 1598. in the 54th Year of her Age, both of them in the Love and Favour of God and Man.

And over this Inscription is the paternal Coat of *Waterhouse* impaled with hers, which is, in a *Field Argent, two Bars Or, Dexter Canton Gules*; and by the Parish Register, it appears that many more of this Name have been buried here.

Here is another Gravestone with an Effigies of Brass at full Length let into it, and this Inscription upon it in Brass.

Hic jacet Edwardus De la hay, Armiger. qui obiit in ultimo quintis Mensis Junii, Anno Dom. M.VCX. Cujus Animæ propitiatur Deus. Amen.

At the Entrance into the Body of the Church is a Burial Place enclosed with very good Work and well beautified, wherein is a very stately Monument of black and white Marble, with two black Marble Doors standing open, supported on both Sides by two large Effigies in white Marble; on the upper Part of the Monument is the Coat of *Mr. Baldwin*, which is, an *Eschocheon quarterly quartered, in the first six Blades of Wheat 2 2 and 2, and a Canton, in the second a Fesse Checque, the third as the second, the fourth as the first, mantled and doubled; and Helmet according to his Degree, and for Crest, on a Wreath, a Squirrel sejant.*

Under the former, and on the other Side of the Table of Inscription, is the same quartered Coat of *Baldwin*, impaled with his Wives, viz. a *Bar Dancet, and in the Chief three Leopards Heads Barwise*, and on the left Side of the Table is his own again; Under all the forementioned is this Inscripton,

Bona Memoria

Thomæ Baldvini armigeri

Widdowburyensis

Qui natus est in hoc ipso agro Widdowbury.

2do Maii Anno Salut. Reparæ Cl. 1618.

Vitam cum morte commutavit XX Junii Anno

Cl. 1621: et etatis sue LXXIII.

Pia et Mæsti Coniux Katherina. quæ cum illo per 44 Annos

Coniunctissima vivit XLIII hoc in loco ex Testamento

Monument. æ. C.

Semina non nisi corrupta revirescant

1 Cor. xv. 36.

In St. JOHN'S CHAPEL are several Gravestones thus inscribed.

Hic jacet Johannes Incent Generosus, (here some of the Brasses are wanting, and then follows) Dom. Ceciliæ Ducissæ Ebor. Matris Serenissimorum Regum Angliæ Edwardi quarti et Richardi tertii atque Proavæ excellentissimi Regis Henrici octavi, qui quidem Robertus Incent obiit xxviii die Septembris, Anno Dom. Millesimo CCCC. this is cut in Brass round the Stone.

*Hund. of
Bucrum.*

Upon the same Stone is also inscribed in Brass.

Here lieth buried under this Stone, the Body of Robert Incent, Gentleman; Servant unto the noble Princess Lady Cecily Duchess of York, and Mother unto the worthy King Edward the fourth, and Richard the third, which Robert Incent died at the Great Sweating Sickness the first Year of the Reign of King Henry the seventh, upon whose Sepulchre Jesus late Mercy, Amen

He was her Secretary as I am informed. Under the Inscription is his Coat of Armes. In a Shield on a Bend dexter, a Rose, and in the Honour point a Dove. Above the Inscription is his Effigies at Length in Brass let into the Stone.

The second is written round the Stone in old Romish false Latin, which is the Reason my Friend translated it to me in English.

Here lyeth Katharine the wife of Robert Incent, Gent. the Mother of that venerable Man John Incent, Dr. of the Laws, who at his own cost Rededified the Chappel, and conferred his own proper Goods upon this other of St. John, which said Katharine died the 11th day of March in the year of our Lords Incarnation, M. Quingentesimo Vicesimo, et anno Regni Regis Henrici octavi duodecimo.

Upon the same Stone is this engraved.

Here lyeth buried under this Stone the Body of Katherine sometime the wife of Robert Incent, Gent. Father and Mother unto John Incent, Dr. of the Laws, who hath done many benefits and ornaments given unto this Chappel of St. John; which said Katharine died the 11th day of March the 11th year of the Reign of King Henry the eighth.

Underneath is the same Coat of Armes of Incent, and over the Inscription is her Effigies as her Husbands at large in Brass.

Another Gravestone has this Inscription.

— Edmundi Cook, qui obiit 24 die mensis Junii Anno Dom. 1409. The Head of the Effigies is broke off, but a Label has this Inscription, *Jesus Etti Die miserere mei.*

Another Stone sets forth this Inscription.

Hic jacet Johannes Raven, Armiger, qui obiit 15 die Martii Anno Domini 1395.

In the Window of this Chappel are two Coates of Arms impaled; the first is the Arms of France and England, quarterly quartered; the other is Gules a Saltire Or, over all is a Ducal Crown; and without side of the Tower fronting the Highstreet is an Escutcheon engraved with the same two Coats impaled without a Crest, and on the sinister Part thereof is cut in Stone John Philip and Alice his Wife; and the Inhabitants believe that he might reedyfie or build this Tower, for that the Shield, Arms, and Sculpture are wrought in the solid work of the Tower itself.

In the Middle of the Body of the Church there is a stately Tomb of an ancient rich Fabrick strangely depicted, whereon the Portraiture of a Man in knightly Habilliments, with his Wife lying by him, are cut in Alabaster; and about the Verge of a large Marble thereunto adjoining is this Incription in Brass.

Hic jacet Richardus Torrington et Margareta uxor ejus, qui quidem Richardus obiit die Martii anno 1356. et Margareta obiit 20 die Junii 1349.

*Hund. of
Bacrum.*

On his Monument is the same Coat of Arms born by the *Incents*, and several Coats placed round the Monument, and on the Gravestone near the Monument in the Dexter Corner the same Coat born by the *Incents*, and in the sinister Corner is another Shield bearing a St. George's Cross, in the Dexter Chief thereof, a Saltier engrailed, and in the Sinister Chief a Cross doubly crossed. Their Effigies are broken.

The same Coats of *Torrington* and *Incent* are round the Church on every Pillar, and on the Woodwork on the Side of the Church, and is thus blazoned.

He beareth Or, on a Bend Gules a Rose of the First, in the Honour point a Dove Sable and on the Gravestones are the Portraitsures of him and his Wife in Brass and very full and large.

There is a Tradition that this *Torrington* was the Founder of this Church, a Man of special Favour with *Edward Plantagenet* Duke of *Corumbal*, who was Son of *Richard Plantagenet* the second Son of King *John*, Earl of *Corumbal* and King of the *Romans*, which *Richard* full of Honours and Years ended his life here at his Castle of *Berkhamsted*, but was buried at his Abby of *Eales*.

In the Isle on the East from the Chancel lyes a Gravestone, on the Top whereof is this Coat of Arms.

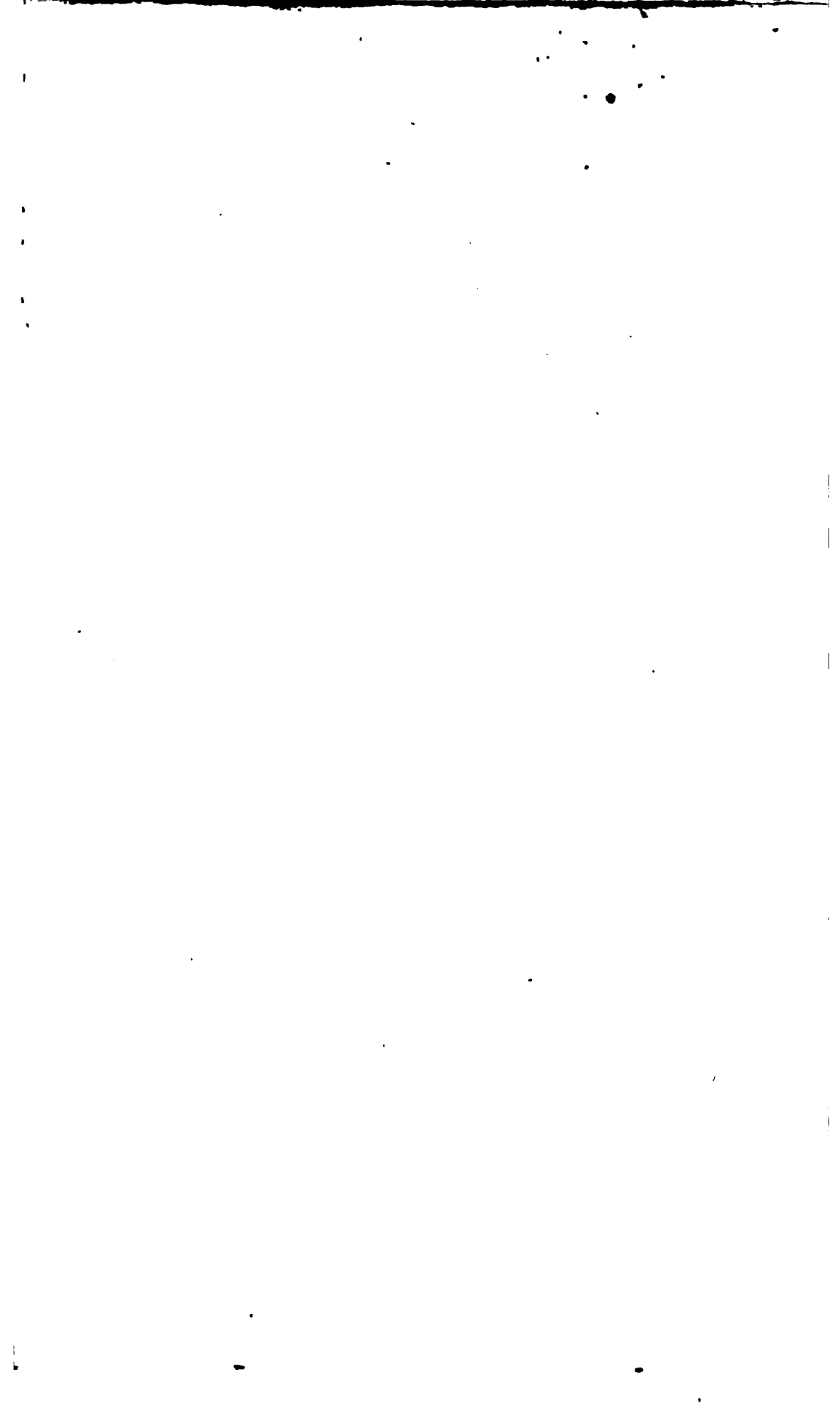
In a Field Sable a Chevron Argent, between three Cinque Foyle Ermines, Guttee de Sanguie with Mantling, Doubling, Helmet, and for Crest over a Torse Argent an Hercules issuant.

Under the Coat of Arms is this Inscription.

M. S.
Hoc Tumulo Conditor
Christopherus Woodhouse
Berkhamstadiæ in Comitatu
Hertfordiensis
Incola
Ubi
Percontinua quinque Lustra ———
Et binos in super annos
Mortalitas. decurrit Stadium
In ipsa Meta
Æternitatem animæ
Perpetuitatem famæ
Quam Deus et Lacubratio illi concesserant, Spartam traditurus
Sedulo excoluit
Medicina Cultor, omnis generis morborum Curator
Indefessus salix,
Charitate erga egenos stupenda,
Ostentatione Nulla
Probitate summa
Ita
Candelæ instar
Dum aliis prodest;
Sibi consumitur;
Die 26 Julii A. S. 1682.
Ætatis 61.
Suspende Gradum Lector
et Lugenti suæ Patriæ Condoleas
ut sacro Quæ huic Busto
bene preceris
Obtestatur.

Another Gravestone in the same Isle tells you,

Here lyeth the Body of Dame Frances Fotherly Daughter of *Edward Seymour*, Esq; of *Wiltshire* in the County of *Berset*, who departed this life the 16th of June 1691.



TRING M.

Drawn on Stone from the Original Engravings by C. J. Tyler

*To the Honourable
House, Esq.^r this Plate*

Humbly dedicated,

Pub^d by J. M. Mullenger,



MANNOR HOUSE.



*Henry Gay of Tring
of y.^e Mannor House is*

by John Oliver

Bps. Stortford, 1826.

Another Stone shews.

*Hic jacet Richardus Westbrook, qui obiit 29 September, 1486. supplicans
vobis ex charitate vestra pro Anima sua discere pater nostre et Abe——*

And his Effigies are at length in Brass.

There seems to have been two quartered Coats in two several Escutcheons; the first in the Escutcheon on the dexter Corner of the Stone is a *Flower de Luce*, the second a *Fess Dancet*, the third as the second, the fourth as the first. In the Escutcheon on the sinister Corner of the Stone, the first Bearing has no Impression, and cannot be discerned, the second is some Sort of Fish Naïant, the third as the second, the fourth not to be discerned.

A fourth Part of the same Isle is very handsomely enclosed, and in the Middle thereof stands a very good Tomb of black and white Marble to the Memory of *John Sayer, Esq.* deceased, whereon his Coat of Arms is engraved, which is *In a Field Party per pale Gules and Azure, on a Chevron Or, between three Seapies proper, a Rose and Crown of the first, and on the West Side thereof is this Inscription.*

Johannes Sayer, Armig. Serenissimi Dom. Regis Caroli secundi Archimagirus, cui temporibus difficilissimis tam foras quam domi in regnis suis Angliæ et Scotiæ constanter adhasit; singularem erga Deum Pietatem, erga proximos egenos precipue Charitatem semper exercuit, et mille Libras Testamento legavit ad inopem hujus Burgi de Berkhamstedis sustentationem prudentia Dilectissimæ Conjugis Mariæ disponend. per quam tres Optima indolis filios reliquit; Johannem, Edwardum et Josephum. Obiit undecimo die Februarii MDCLXXXII. Ætatis sue LXIII.

In the Communion Chappel, over the Vestry Door, is a good Monument of white Marble variously carved, guilt and adorned with two Pillars of black Marble, on the Side between which are the Effigies of two young Youths, under them a Piece of black Marble inscribed thus,

*Josephum et Jacobum Moravias
Adolascetes indole Suavissimos,
Fratres Charitate propinos
Filios Obsequio piissimos
Infelix mater.
Pepetua securitati, et
Memoria æternæ,
Fato cedens Commendavit.*

These *Morays* were an ancient Family in Scotland, and Mrs. *Moray*, who lived here in the time of King James I. was Nurse to King Charles I. and her Husband was also his Secretary as I have been informed.

On a Gravestone near the same Monument is this Inscription.

*Hic jacet in spe Resurrectionis Jacobus Moravius septimus Masculus
Thomæ Moravii, Armigeri defuncti Caroli Principi ab epistolis.*

In the Parish Register of Burials several others of this Name are buried here.

Another Stone.

Hic jacet Robertus Spalding —————

Another Stone this

*In spe beati Resurrectionis
Hic jacet Edwardus Kellet, Armiger.
qui obiit decimo septimo die Septembris.
Anno Dom. 1635.*

Another Stone.

Here lies the Body of *Ellen Rodway* late one of the Daughters and Co-heirs of *Richard Rodway*, late Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London.

*Obiit 4. Decemb. Anno Dom. 1636.
Ætatisq; sue 20.*

*Hind. of
Buckram.*

On the said *Rodneys* Gravestone is a Coat of Arms, Quarterly quartered, viz. In the first, on a Bar between three Bugle Horns stringed three Roses; In the second, three Bucks Tripping, and a Chief; the third as the second, the fourth as the first.

By the Register Book of Burials in this Parish it is recorded, that

Sir *William Thomas*, Kt. was buried here on the 29th Jan. 1545, 36 Hen. VIII.

Sir *Raufe Verney*, Kt. was buried here on the 26th Apr. 1545, 36 Hen. VIII.

Sir *John Maddox*, Clerk, was buried here on the 6th June, 1671. 18 Eliz.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Sir *John Cooper*, Clerk, 8 Dec. 1573, 16 Eliz.

Ursula, the Daughter of Sir *Adrian Scroop*, 29 October, 1610, 8 Jac. I.

To the Memory of all or some of whom, 'tis very probable the Gravestones whose Brasses are gone, might be laid.

The Foundation of the FREE-SCHOOL.

ANNO 15 H. VIII. all the Inhabitants of the Town of *Berkhamstead* consulted together, and agreed that the Lands of their Brotherhood (who then were known by the Name of the President, Wardens, and Brethren of the Guild or Fraternity of St. John the Baptist in *Berkhamstead* St. Peter) should be employed towards the building of a School, and the maintaining of a Schoolmaster to teach their Children there, and Dr. *Incent* Dean of St. Pauls Church in London, being born here, and at that time President and Chief of the said Fraternity, gave all the Lands which he had here, for the said Use, and sent a Schoolmaster who taught their Children in the Brotherhood House, and they were always after accounted and reputed as Part of the Brotherhood Lands; which Course was continually observed until Anno 33 H. VIII. when the Dean fearing the Lands being in the Name of a Brotherhood, might not be so secure, for the better Establishment of the same, obtained of the King a License to purchase 40*l.* per Annum, to found a School with an Incorporation at *Berkhamstead*, whereof the Kings of this Realm should be always Founders, and should name and place the Schoolmaster there as often as the Place should happen to be void, which thing was settled by Act of Parliament.

2 & 3 Ed. VI.

Then the Dean with the Assistance of the Inhabitants in the Town, and his Friends, erected a Fair large School of Brick and Freestone, with a Lodging for the Schoolmaster adjoining to the West End thereof, where the Dean himself did lye and kept House divers times before his Death; and at the East End of the School were two other Lodgings erected, one for the Usher, and the other for the Chaplain or Chantry Priest, which building remains at this Day, very fair and strong.

When the School was finished, the Dean sent for the chief Men in this Town, and gave thanks with them upon their Knees to Almighty God, for having given him Life to see the Perfection of that Work, which both he, the Town, and Country had been performing about the space of twenty Years, then he called Mr. *Reeve*, and placed him in the Seat there made for the Schoolmaster, and so did ordain, make, and pronounce him the first Master of the School; then gave to him and his Successors for ever, Possession of the Lodgings appertaining to that Office, also be constituted Mr. *John Audley* Usher, and Mr. *John East* Chaplain.

This done he gave Possession by his Deed dated 23d of March, Anno 36 H. VIII. to *Richard Reeve*, *John Audley*, and *John East*, and their Successors for ever, of all the Lands granted to the School, which are particularly expressed in the said Act of Parliament.

3 & 4 Ed. VI.

Then the Dean began *Te Deum Laudamus*, which being finished with certain other Prayers and Ceremonies, the whole Company drank together and departed:

The Occasion of the second Foundation of the School.

The Dean dying the next Year after the Erection of the School, some evil Persons informed the King, that the Dean had granted to the School a larger Revenue than his License did allow.

Whereupon the King appointed *Henry Haydon* and *John Waterhouse*, Gentlemen, to survey the Lands on the 11th Day of Jan. Anno 38 H. VIII. who found the whole Rents of the Lands, did not exceed the yearly Value of 80*l.* 1*8s.* and 8*d.* as appears by the said Survey.

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Anno 1 Ed. VI. the Schoolmaster was required to shew the Foundation of the School to such Persons as the King's Council had appointed, and upon View thereof they demanded an Incorporation besides the License and other Writings, which Incorporation, and the Dean's Will, were supposed to be imbezelled by one *Forster*, who pretended to be Heir to the Dean, and after his Death had gotten the same out of his Study, so that the Schoolmaster could not produce them, therefore it was feared that the Foundation of the School was imperfect, and he disturbing the School about fourteen Years together, the Schoolmaster upon Advice, petitioned Parliament to confirm the Erection and Foundation of the School, which was accordingly done, and the Schoolmaster compounding with the right Heir of the said Dean *Incent* and paying 50*l.* to him and some other of his Relations, he was licensed to sell 36*l.* and 8*d.* of the said Revenues belonging to the School to pay fifty Marks to the Heirs; and the Grant was exemplify'd under the Great Seal of England, in *perpetuam rei memoriam*.

The Master, Usher, and Chaplain, were incorporated by the Name of Master, Chaplain, and Usher of the Free-school and Chantry of Dean *Incent* of *Berkhamsted*, and by this Name do implead and are impleaded, and have one Common Seal, with Dean *Incent's* Coat of Arms, and are enabled to purchase Lands and Tenements in Fee simple, to hold to them and their Successors in free and perpetual Almes to the clear yearly Value of ———— *prout* in the Act of Parliament made for the said School; the Warden of the Colledge of *All Souls* in *Oxford* is constituted Visitor, and may visit once in three Years, and at every such Visitation the Master and Usher shall pay to him 1*2s.* 4*d.* out of the Revenues of the School.

The Motto of the School Seal.

Sigillum Commune Libera Scholæ de Berkhamsted.

These Mottoes in the Windows of the School.

Virtus laudata crescit.

Innocens Innocentium testimonio comprobatur.

The Names of the Schoolmasters.

1. *Richard Reeve*, M. A.
2. *William Barker*.
3. *William Saltmarsh*, buried 9 Jan. 1590, 42 Eliz.
4. *Thomas Hunt*, buried 3d Febr. 1635, 11 Car. I.
5. *Henry Hunt*, buried 19 July, 1636, 12 Car. I.
6. *William Pitkin*, buried at St. Dunstons in Fleetstreet.
7. *Timothy Taylor*, who died of the Plague in 1648.
8. *Archibald Oagle*.
9. *Thomas Hawes*, buried 13 Jan. 1661, 13 Car. II.
10. ——— *Burgenhead*.
11. *Thomas Fossau*.
12. *Edmund Newbould*, now Rector of Cheddington in Com. Bucks.
13. *Thomas Wren*, now Rector of Welshall in this County.
14. *John Theed*, M. A. of Oriel Colledge in Oxford, present Master.

Here were two Hospitals one called *St. Leonards*, situated at the South-East End of the *Highstreet*, and the other called *St. James* from *St. James's Well*, at the other End of the same Street, and there were formerly several religious Houses, as appears by some old Writings, but now 'tis not known where they stood.

The last Will and Testament of *Edward de la Hay*, Esq. dated the 20th of May, 1610, by which he first bequeathed his Soul to Almighty God, and his blessed Mother and Virgin our Lady *St. Mary*, and to all the Holy Company of Heaven; and ordered his Body to be buried in this Church of *Berkhamsted*, in the Chappel of *St. Katharine*, at the South End of the

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Altar of St. Katharine (which is the Chancel where the *Waterhouses* were buried;) he gave to the Altar of the said Church 6s. 8d. to the Use of the Light of our Lady of Grace in the Church 6s. 8d. to the Use of the Rood Lights, where they sing Mass, at the South Door of the same Church 6s. 8d. to the Churchworks of the Church of *Berkhamsted* 20s. to the Reparation of the Bells 13s. 4d. to the Reparation and Maintenance of the Torches in the same Church 3s. 4d. to ten Priests which should be required to be at his Obsequies 6d. a piece; also he gave to the Churchworks of *Great Gaddesden* 10s. of *Bemmelhamsted* 20s. to the Reparations of the Chappel of *Bobington* 10s. to the Reparation of the Parish Churches of *Marston*, *Chesham*, and *Bulberton* in *Buckinghamshire* 10s. to each of them. To the *Black Fryars*, *London*, called *Dominick*, for three Trentals 30s. to the Prior and his Brother of *King's Langley* for one Trental 10s. to the Prior of the Fryars of *Bunstable*, and his Brother, for one Trental 10s. to the Prior and his Brother of *Black Fryars* of *Northampton* for one Trental 10s. He gave 10l. to his Brother Sir *William Delahay*; and an House in *Berkhamsted*, formerly *Bourbants*, and another there formerly *Turnours*, and then used as a Stable to the former, to Sir *Raufe Verney*, Kt. and a Close lying thereto, paying 20l. in full contentation to the Performance of his said last Will; and the Rest of his real Estate (which was very great) he gave to his Daughters, *Luce*, *Mary*, and *Joan*, and if either of them, or any for them, should make any Strife or Debate against the Will, her Portion was to be sold by his Executors to the best Value, and to be distributed in good Works for the said *Edward Delahays* Soul, and all Christian Souls; he made the said Sir *Raufe Verney*, *Raufe Verney* of *Bendley*, Esq. Mr. *John Stepneth*, and Mr. *Richard Goodere*, his Executors, and gave to the said Sir *Raufe Verney*, 3l. and to the said Mr. *Raufe Verney*, Mr. *Stepneth*, and Mr. *Goodere*, 40s. a piece, for their Labour and Diligence in fulfilling his Will, which he directed them to fulfil as they should think best, and most necessary, as they would answer before Almighty God, if it should be needful for him the said *Delahay*, to ask account of his Testament and last Will, in as much as he left sufficient Goods and Substance to perform the same, after the good Provision of his Executors, as it should be most expedient for the health of his Soul, and his Faders and Moders, and all his Friends Souls, with all Christian Souls.

CHARITIES.

King James I. gave an 100l.

Prince Charles gave an 100l. to employ the Poor of this Town at work in *Jersep*, which was accordingly perform'd till the Undertakers broke.

King Charles I. Anno 1626, gave 100l. more to supply the Poor with Wood, for Firing; and for Security of the Money, *Edward Kellet*, and *Francis Withered*, Esqs. *William Pitkin* and *Stephen Besouth*, Gents. were bound to the King in the *Exchequer*, but since all (save *Pitkin*) have, in discharge of their Bonds, respectively charged some Part of their Estates in Proportion for Security thereof.

William Saltmarsh, gave 42l.

Mr. *Young*, 50l.

Sir *Richard Goddard*, 20l.

Sir *Adolph Carey*, 10l.

John Haines, 4l.

Sir *Edward Carey*, 10l.

The Lady *Barret*, 3l.

Thomas Turnour, 10l.

Mr. *Norwood*, 8l.

John Grover, 5l.

Mrs. *Sterne*, 10l.

Sir *Edward Bask*, 10l.

With a great Part of this Money, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor have purchased some small Tenements, situated at the West End of the Town, for the Habitations of poor People, and a 100l. more of the said Money was laid out in purchase of certain Lands called *Cunrtuge*, in the Parish of Little *Chesham* in the County of *Bucks*, to wit one Close of arable Land and Wood Ground, containing seven Acres, three Roods, and thirty nine Pole, and one Coppice Grove, or Parcel of Wood Ground called *Horseleys* and *Coppice*, containing three Acres three Roods, and thirty one Pole, and one other Close of Land called *Horseleys Close*, containing five Acres, three Roods, and ten Poles, which amounts to the Value of 5l. per Annum, to be distributed among the Poor.

Henry Clerk of the Parish of *St Giles* without *Cripplegate*, *London*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Esq. by his Will dated 13th Nov. 7 Ja. I. charged his House in *Whitecross Street*, with the yearly payment of 10*l.* to the Relief and Sustentation of five of the honest and poorest Householdors of the Burrough of *Berkhamsted*.

William Hay of *Berkhamsted St. Peter*, Gent. gave 15*l.* to provide six Penny Loaves, to be given to six poor People every Sabbath Day for ever.

Robert Partridge of *Berkhamsted*, Clothier, gave three Acres of arable Land in *Greenboughton* in *Berkhamsted*, to the Use of the Poor, which the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of this Town, by Consent of the Parishioners at a Vestry sold for 20*l.* and the said *William Halsey* and the other Parishioners, with the 100*l.* given by King *James I.* the 15*l.* given by Mr. *Halsey*, and the 20*l.* raised upon the Sale of *Partridges* Land, did purchase with 90*l.* thereof, one Close called *Williams Hill*, situated in the Hamlet of *Aspley Green*, in the Parish of *Chesham*, in the County of *Bucks*, containing twelve Acres, more or less, now divided into three Closes; and with 15*l.* more, they bought a Messuage or Tenement with an Orchard called *Pages House*, situated in *Berkhamsted*, and with 20*l.* more, they bought certain Lands of one *John Surman*; and the Closes called *Williams Hill* are employ'd to find a Manufactory to set the Poor on Work, according to the direction of King *James*; and *Pages House* is employ'd to provide six Penny Loaves for six poor People according to the Intent of Mr. *William Halsey*.

Sir Henry Atkins of the Parish of *Christchurch*, *London*, Kt. gave 200*l.* and therewith purchased a Wood or Coppice, called *Stubbings Coppice*, with an Edgerow, and a Close of arable and Wood Ground called *Stubbings Bottom*, and a Close of arable called *Stubbings Close* of the yearly Value of 10*l.* and settled the same in Trustees for the Poor of *Berkhamsted*, the Profits thereof to be paid to them, at the Feast of the Nativity of our Saviour Christ, or within twenty two Days next after the Feast of *St. Andrew* the Apostle, to be given to twenty poor People by equal Distribution. Twelve of whom are to be yearly nominated by the Churchwardens and Overseers, and so many of the Feoffees residing in the Town as shall be present, or the greater Number of them, and these other eight are to be yearly nominated and appointed by the Heirs of the said *Henry*; and if the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Feoffees, for the time being shall not yearly choose twelve, and distribute as aforesaid, then the said *Sir Henry Atkins* and his Heirs shall choose and distribute to so many as they neglect to choose and distribute to; and if the said *Sir Henry Atkins* and his Heirs, shall not within the said time choose the said Number every year, of eight poor Persons dwelling in the said Parish, to receive the said Alms according to the Proportion aforesaid, then the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Feoffees, or the greater Number of them, shall appoint so many as shall not be nominated by the said *Sir Henry Atkins* or his Heirs, within the time aforesaid.

Henry Atkins gave 40*l.* to the Stock of the Poor for ever.

Thomas Baldwin, Esq. who was born at *Blatford*, educated at *Berkhamsted*, and lived at *St. Martins* in the Fields, by his Will gave the Profits of his moyety of Waterworks, running into, and by *Hyde Park*, to the Parishes of *St. Martins Blatford*, and *Berkhamsted*, for 80 Years or thereabouts, after his Wives Decease, whereof one third Part was given to *Berkhamsted*.

John Sayer, Esq. by his last Will dated the 2d of July, 1681, gave *Sir Stephen Fox*, *Sir Robert Sayer*, Kts. and *Joseph Sayer*, Clerk, Rector of *Berkhamsted St. Mary*, 1000*l.* for the building of an Almshouse, and the purchasing of Lands for the Relief of the Poor in *Berkhamsted St. Peter*.

John Sayer dying, *Mary* his Executrix caused an Almshouse to be built consisting of twelve Rooms, placed six poor Widdows there, allotted two Rooms to each Widdow; and adding 200*l.* to the 1000*l.* by Deed dated the 12th of June 1688, hath since purchased certain Land in *Chilton* in *Com. Bucks*, to the yearly Value of 75*l.* 5*s.* in the Name of the said Trustees, and charged them with an Annuity of 26*l.* per Annum to the Poor of *Berkhamsted*, and hath provided to purchase a Close called *Woodclose*, adjoining to the Almshouses in the name of the Trustees, for the same

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Purpose, the Widdows to be placed and displaced by *Mrs. Mary Sayer* at her Pleasure, and after her Decease, when any of them shall die or be displaced, the Heir of the said *John Sayer*, the Rectors of *Berkhamsted St. Mary* and of *Berkhamsted St. Peter*, for the time being, or any two of them, whom the said *Mary* doth appoint Governors of the Almshouses, shall choose at the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, others in their Rooms, who have inhabited ten Years at least in the Parish of *Berkhamsted*, being of good Fame, constant Frequenters of Divine Service, as by Law is now Established in the Church of England, aged 55 Years at the least, and of them, such to be preferred whose Husbands, Parents, or Children, or who themselves have been Tenants of the Demeasne Lands in *Berkhamsted* or any Part of them, every poor Widdow to have 8s. the Month (reckoning twenty eight Days to the Month) paid her on the Tombstone in the Church of *Berkhamsted*, near the Monument lately erected for *John Sayer*, on the Sunday after Evening Service, and a Cloath Gown once in two Years at the Feast of our Saviours Nativity, of 20s. Value at the least; and the Profits of the Garden or Orchard adjoining to the Almshouse to be equally divided among them, the Almshouses to be kept in good Repair by the Monthly Stipend or Stipends, which by any Vacancy shall remain unpaid till the Election Days. The said *Mary* hath also allow'd to the Governours out of the Revenue so settled on the said Almshouses, 10s. yearly to be spent in a Colation at the Anniversary Feast of the Blessed Virgin *St. Mary*, at such time as they meet together to elect into any Vacancy, and to consider of the good Rule and Government of the said House, and hath made several other good Rules and Orders for the better Government thereof.

BERKHAMSTED ST. MARYES,* *otherwise NORTHCHURCH.

THIS Vill is about a Mile distant from *Berkhamsted St. Peter* to the North, and 'tis propable was waste Ground belonging to the former Vill of *St. Peter of Berkhamsted*, for 'tis omitted out of that memorable Record of *Domesdei* made in the time of *William* the Conqueror, but since has been improved to a Vill, and denominated from the Saint to whom the Church was dedicated, to distinguish it from the other Vill, but of late Days it has been commonly called *Northchurch*, from the Scituation of the Church, for that it stands North to the other Parish, and there were several Mesnalties here, whereof *Northcott* is the cheif, which *An. 28 Edw. I.* was in the Possession of *Nicholas de Bosco*, who was Lord hereof, and held it of the Honour of *Berkhamsted* by one Knight's Fee; after him it came to *Ralph de Marshall* who held it of the Prince of *Wales* in the time of *Edw. II.* and as his Honour of *Berkhamsted* by several Services, and the third Part of a Knight's Fee, from whom it came to *Thomas Luton* by the Marriage of *Margaret* his Daughter, for she surviving her Husband held the same for her Life; and upon her Death it was found by Inquisition *Anno 13 R. II.* that it descended to *William de Luton*, who was the Heir.

Robert de Luton succeeded him, was knighted, and he and *Katharine* his Wife held this Mannor of *Northcott*, joyntly together with the Appurtenances of the Honour of

Werkhamsted in Socage by a yearly Rent, and the Performance of divers Works in Harvest in Lieu of all Services; and 'tis observable in those Days, that when Men deserved well of their Prince, the King would often change the Tenure of such Tenants from Knight Service to Socage, to ease their Charge.

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After some Limit of time, *Jeremy Hamden* possess this Mannor, and held it of the Honour of **Werkhamsted** by Fealty and a certain annual Rent which he paid in Lieu of all Services, and died seized hereof *Anno 33 H. VIII.*

Upon his Death, *Michael Hamden* succeeded, for it was found, that he held this Mannor of **Northcote** of the Honour of **Werkhamsted** by Fealty and a certain annual Rent, that he died seiz'd hereof *Anno 13 Eliz.* and

Alexander was his Son and Heir, who enjoyed it some time, then conveyed it to *William Edlyn*, Gentleman, who died seized hereof, *Anno 4 Jacobi*, after his Decease it descended to *John Edlin*, Gent. who gave it by his Will to

Sarah Edlyn his eldest Daughter, who married *Thomas Emerton*, Gent. who with his Wife, are now Lords hereof.

Here were two other Mesnalties in this Vill, as *Maudleins* and *Burrants*, which were held of the Honour and Mannor of **Werkhamsted**, were long since dismembered and sold in several Parcels, to divers Men, who now pay Rent, and perform their Services for the same at every Court held for the Honour and Mannor of **Werkhamsted**.

The Kings, Queens, Dukes, and Earls of **Cornwal**, have been Patrons, and have had the Advowson and Gift of the Parsonage of **Northchurch**, until *Anno 2 Eliz.* when that King granted the same by Letters Patents to Sir *Thomas Bemor*, who granted it to Sir *Edward Carey*, Kt. but now the Advowson is return'd to the Crown again.

THIS Rectory *Anno 26 Henry VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 21l. 1s. 2d. but by a Survey of the Mannor it was presented there to be worth 21l. 10s. per Annum, which, I suppose, might be a Mistake.

The RECTORS.

Joseph Sayer, Archdeacon of **Leices.** *John Smolte*, D. D. 1693.

In this Church is one Gravestone on which are two Coats of Arms impaled, *Per Baron et Feme*, viz. the first is a Cheveron engrailed between three Boars Heads erased; the second is a Cheveron Ermines between three Milroynes.

The same Stone is thus inscribed.

Here lyeth in assurance of a joyful Resurrection the Body of Mrs. *Mary Agar*, the truly virtuous and loving Wife of *Thomas Agar*, of **Barnes**, in the County of **Surrey**, Esq; Daughter and Heir of Mr. *Jonas Turnour* of **Chestnut** in the County of **Bucks**, she resigned her Soul into the hands of him that gave it, on the fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1652. and in the beginning of the 21st year of her age.

Non diu vixit sed Multum.

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On *Ascension Day*, 1555, 3d *Maria Regina* Mr. *Thomas Waterhouse*, Clerk, was buried here; he was Rector of *Asbridge* at the Dissolution by King *Henry VIII.*

Henry Axtil, a rich Man starved himself, and was buried here *April 12, 1626, 1 Car. I.*

There were several Chappels of Ease in this Parish, but they are now demolished and converted into Barns.

ALBURY

IS another Vill scituated about two Miles distant from *Northchurch* towards the North East, which King *William* the Conqueror gave to Earl *Moreton*, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, under the Title of *Terra Comitis Moritonensis.*

*Domesd. Lib.
n. 15.*

Comes Moriton tenuit Alderburz pro decem hidis se defendebat. Terra est septem Car. in dominio sex hid. et ibi sunt tres Car. et octo vill. cum uno Sockman. et uno Francig. habent. quatuor Car. ibi unus Bord. et quatuor servi. pratum dimid. hid. Siloa quingent. Porcis, in totis valentiis valet centum et decem sol. Quando recepit octo lib. et consuetud. tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc Manerium tenuit Aluvinus Teignus Regis Edwardi.

Earl *Moreton* held *Alderburz*, it was rated for ten Hides. The arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne six Hides, and there are three Carucates and eight Villains, and one Sochman, and one Frenchman born, having four Carucates, there is one Bordar, and four Servants, Meadow half a Hide, Wood to feed five hundred Hogs in Pannage time; in the whole Value it is worth an hundred and ten Shillings by the Year, when he received it eight Pounds, and Rent in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor;) *Alwin* a Thane of King *Edward* (the Confessor) held this Mannor.

*Bar. vol. 1.
fol. 770.*

Having treated before of this Earl *Moreton* in the Parish of *Great Berkhamsted*, I shall proceed to the next Lord of this Mannor whom I meet with, who was *Bartholomew de Criol*, he was made *Custos* of this County for the last fourth Part of that 33d Year of *H. III.* Sheriff of the Counties of *Essex* and *Hertford*, for the Year following, and died leaving Issue *Bertram* and *John*.

John succeeded in this Mannor, and was summon'd among others to attend *Anno 41 H. III.* at *Bristol*, with Horse and Arms well accoutred, on the Octaves of *St. Peter*, to oppose the Incursions of *Lewellin ap Griffith*, Prince of *Wales*, and died in 48 *H. III.* leaving

Bertram his Son and Heir, who married *Alianor*, one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Hamon de Crevequer* by *Maud* his Wife, Sister and Heir to *William de Abrincis* or *Averonches*, and had in her Right Part of the Barony of *Folkeston*, which was of the Inheritance of *William de Averonches*; and it was found *Anno 28 Edw. I.* that he held this Mannor, and had free Ingress and Egress from the Wood called the *Grith*, ought to mow with sixteen Men in one of the Parks once a Day for Meat for the Lord's Horses; and the Work of every Man was valued at a Penny, and he or

his Servants shall view the Workmen twice every Day; and he died leaving Issue

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John, who was his Son and Heir, and 30 Years of Age, Anno 30 *Edw. I.* and died seized hereof Anno 34 *Edw. I.* leaving *Joan* the Wife of *Richard de Rokesle*, Kt. his Sister and Heir, from whom I guess it came to the *Hides*, who held it for some Generations in their Name, which it seems was suspended awhile by *Joan* the Daughter and Heir of *Hide*, who married Sir *Thomas Denham*, Kt. for this Mannor was in his Name, An. 10 *H. VI.* but he dying without Heirs of her Body, she married again to *William Fitzwilliams*, who held another Court here in her Right, Anno 21 of the same King, and he dying without Issue of her Body, she held a Court Baron Anno 27 *H. VI.* in her own Name, which was in the time of her Widdowhood, but she having a great Respect for the Name of the *Hides*, because it was not only her paternal Name, but also very ancient, she prudently settled this Mannor in the Name of the *Hides* again, from whom it came to *Thomas Hide*, Gent. who held a Court Baron here Anno 1 *Edw. VI.* and a Court held here Anno 12 *Eliz.* where he is styled Esq. and upon his Death it seems that he conveyed this Mannor to his Wife for Life, the Remainder to *George* who was his Heir, and she held a Court here Anno 13 *Eliz.* in the Name of *Frances Hide*, Widdow; after her Decease, *George Hide* held another Court here for this Mannor Anno 16 *Eliz.* in his Name, and upon his Death it came to

Robert Hide, Esq. who was his Heir, and held a Court here Anno 23 *Eliz.* and at the time of his Death this Mannor descended to *Nicholas*, who was his Son and Heir.

This *Nicholas* was knighted Anno 17 *Jac. I.* constituted Sheriff for this County, created Baronet by Letters Patents dated 8th of *November*, 1621, 19 *Jac. I.* held a Court here in his own Name by this Title Anno 22 *Jac. I.* and he died leaving Issue

Thomas, who was Sheriff for this County Anno 3 *Car. I.* and held a Court Baron for this Mannor Anno 7 *Car. I.* married the Daughter of *Emerton*, Gent. by whom he had Issue only one Daughter *Bridget* who was his Heir; his Arms were *Or, a Cheveron between three Lozenges Azure, on a Chief Gules an Eagle displayed Gold.*

This *Bridget* married *Peregrine* Viscount *Dunblant*, in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, the Son and Heir of *Thomas* now Duke of *Leeds*, Marquess of *Carmarthen*, Earl of *Danby*, Viscount *Latimer*, and Baron *Osborn* of *Hibeton* vulgo *Heelton* Anno 21 *Car. II.* and they held a Court Baron in both their Names on the 21 *Car. II.* and are the present Lords hereof.

*Hand of
Bacorum.*

THIS Rectory is in the Deanery of *Berkhamstead* in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, and *Anno 26 Hen. VIII.* was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 20l. 8s. 6d. whereof the Marquess in Right of his Marchioness is Patron; and the Church is situated about the Middle of the Vill, cover'd with Lead, hath a large old fashion'd Stone Font therein, and a square Tower at the West End thereof, where are four Bells, and a short Spire erected upon it, within which Church lye divers Gravestones which have the following Inscriptions and Coats of Arms engraved upon them.

Behind the Pulpit is a Chancel and Vault, being the Burial-place belonging to *Bendley*.

Therein is a Stone Tomb wherein lyes one of the *Verneys*, who were ancient Owners of *Bendley*, and his Lady; and he lyes armed with an Helmet, a Cheveron, a Phenix in her inflamed Nest, which is his Crest under his Head, and a Savage with a Staff raguled and trunked in his Hand, under his Feet; and she hath two square Pillows under her Head, and a Fann at her Feet; round the same Stone are several Coats of Arms cut, (*viz.*) first, in a *Field Azure*, on a *Cross Argent flos Mullets*; the second, *Azure*, two *Cheverronnels Or*, in a *Dexter Canton on Holy Lamb, Staff, Cross, and Bar Gules*; the third, *Or*, a *Lyon Rampant Gules*, a *Chief Or*; the fourth, a *Garter buckled and noosed between three Buckles*.

In the said Chancel lyes *Henry Anderson, Esq. Richard Anderson, Esq.* the two Sons of *Sir Richard Anderson of Bendley, Baronet*, whose Banner with their Paternal Coats are put up there; their Paternal Coat being *Argent*, a *Cheveron between three Cross Molines Sable*, mantled *Argent*, doubled *Sable*, on a *Wreath and Sable*, a *Ducal Crown Argent therein*; a *Deers Head pierced through with a Dart Argent*, entering in at the fore Part of the Neck.

The said *Henry Anderson, Esq.* died a Batchelor, his younger Brother *Richard Anderson, Esq.* was married, and his Coat is there impaled with his Lady's, which is in a *Feild — Fess Ermine between three Griffins Heads erased Argent*, by the name of *Spencer*.

Mr. Henry's Motto is ————— in *Celo Quies* ?
Mr. Richard's Motto is ————— in *Morte Quies*

Elizabeth, the only Daughter of the said *Sir Richard Anderson*, and Wife of *Simon Harcourt, Esq.* was lately buried there, whose Arms being in a *Field Gules*, two *Bars Or*, are impaled with hers.

They were the only three Children of the said *Sir Richard Anderson* by Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife, who was Sister and one of the Coheirs of *George Lord Viscount Hewet*, lately deceased, and all of them died young, but Mrs. *Harcourt* hath left behind her three Sons and three Daughters by *Simon Harcourt, Esq.*

In the Communion Chancel is also a Gravestone lately laid down, which was the Cover of a Tomb.

Thereon at each Corner are the *Verneys* three first mentioned Coats, and the fourth as the first impaled with hers, which are two Coats Quarterly and an *Inescutcheon of Pretence*; the first whereof is, a *Cheveron between three Eagles Legs erased Alaquise*; the second is, *Varry*, three *Bendlets*; the third as the second, the fourth as the first: the *Inescutcheon of Pretence* hath four Coats Quarterly, *viz.* first, On a *Bend three Goats Passant*; the second, a *Cheveron engrailed between three Bulls Heads Cabossed*; the third, a *Fess between six Crosses Patee*, and the fourth hath two *Bends*.

In the next Chancel to the Communion Chancel is fixt against the Wall westerly, a very fine ancient Marble Monument of various Colours, towards the Top whereof are thus written.

*Omnia Mors sternit,
Quod natum est, Occidit,
Una sine caret Virtus
et Benefacta manent.*

24 Y 50.
V S. 13.
Anno 1550.

Alleg.
6. 11.

B. 11.
4. 11.
6. 11.

In the Middle round two Deaths Heads are written, on the right Side ——— *Despicie Formam.* On the left Side ——— *Respicie finem.* At the Bottom is written thus,

*Hund. of
Bucorum.*
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*Humanitur hic infra sub illo Marmore cadavera Thomæ Hidæ Armigeri, et Georgii filii, et Hæredis sui quorum illo Decimo sexto die Octobris An. à Christo Nato 1670 naturam satisfecit, hac vero decimo Nono die Januarii Anno Salutis Humanæ 1680 extremum spiritum effudit.*

On the same are three Coats of Arms, (viz.) the first is the Paternal Coat, Or, a Cheveron between three Lozenges Azure, on a Chief Gules, an Eagle displayed of the first. The second is, Azure, a Cheveron between three Cups with Covers Or, a Mullet for Difference. The third is, Azure, a Bar Waey between three Goats Heads erased Or, mantled Argent, doubled Gules on a Wreath Or, and Locks Gules; a Head erased Azure crested and Jollopped proper, this is on the Paternal Coat on the Top of all.

In the same Chancel on the Wall next to the Communion Chancel is a fair Marble Monument, in Memory of Sir Thomas Hyde, thus inscribed.

*Siste Viator et hoc Sacro Marmore Exemplar potius quam Epitaphium Lege : Hic enim exuvia Nobiles Thomæ Hidæ de Alderbury in agro Hertfordiensi filii Nicholai Hidæ Militis et Baronetti ex Bridgitta filia Michaelis Sandis de Latimer in Agro Buckinghamsi, Armig. adavitos Cineres, habent reconditos ; Vir erat tam Animi quam Corporis elegatis Ornatissimus, Hoc tantum ambiens ut sibi quippe et imprimis placeret, fidelitatis erga Regiam Majestatem, Tenax, ut ab afflictissima æque et justissima Caroli Primi Regis Septimi contra perduelles causa, nec — injuriæ inimicorum scelus (Heu minus prosperam) Dominus poterant ; qua itidem periculosa procella post plures sustentatos Labores et toleratos plurimas afflictiones hinc inde fact. solatium in Matrimonio quasivit ; Uxorem ducens Mariam Filiam Johannis Whitchurch de Bilton juxta Alderbury in agro Buckinghamiensi, Gener. ex qua unicam suscepit per Aviam de nomine Bridgittam, natam in Manerio suo de Bilton Boreali in Comitatu Hertfordiensi xviii die Maii 1611 ubi post conjugium Quinquemale feliciter peractum ut dictarum Villarum pauperes effusa alens Charitate et Amicis undiqueque larga benignitate ; a Naufragio fidei et Conscientiæ bone Tutus, arumnis suis liberatus, et in Sinum Abrahamæ appulsi Dives ibi feliciter omique Carus extitit cœlitibus, Nobis vero triste mansit desiderium, a die xviii Maii*

Anno { partis virginæ 1617 CLXV  
          { ætatis suæ — LXXI.

*Hanc Tabulam erigi curavit superdicta Maria post Nuptias suas secundas habitas cum Roberto Vyner Milite et Baronetto Londinensis Senatore et Aldermano.*

The said Thomas Hyde gave 100l. to the Poor of Alderbury with which a Close of Land was bought in the Parish of Berkhamsted St. Peter, and settled for their Uses.

There is a Marble Tomb also in the Wall of the Communion Chancel, and several other ancient Gravestones about the Church, but the Brasses are all gone.

In the Church Window over the Font are two Coats of Arms, on the right is Azure, two Cheverons, and that on the left is Argent, a Cross Gules.

## TREUNG, TRING.

THIS Vill stands in a Bottom, two Miles from Aldbury to the West, and was a Place of great Antiquity, for when King Alfred divided this County into Hundreds, this Hundred was then denominated *Treung* from this Vill, which Name it bore when the Conqueror subdued this Realm, who then gave it to Robert Earl of ~~Esse~~, one of his Chief Coun-

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*  
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sellors at that time, and his Services were rewarded with great Honours and large Revenues, among which 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 137.*

Comes Eustachius tenuit Errangs pro novem trigint. hidis se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi et modo pro quinque hidis et una virgat. Terra est Vigint. car. in dominio duodecem hid et ibi sunt tres Car. et adhuc possunt fieri, duo, ibi un et vigint Vill. cum sex bordis, et sexdecem cotariis, et tribus Sochiis habentibus novem car. et adhuc possunt sex fieri, ibi octo Servi, et duo molin. de novem Sol. pratum decem Car. pastura ad pec. ville, et tres Sol. Silva milli porcis, in hac villa est Berewicha ubi sedent octo villi habentes duo car. et tertia potest fieri.

In totis valentiis valet duo et vigint. lib de albo denar. ad pensum hujus Comitit, quando recepit vigint. lib. tempore Regis Edwardi quinq. et vigint. lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Engelri tempore Regis Edwardi, et ibi fuerunt duo Sochm. homines Ululi filii Frani duo hid. tenuerunt et vendere poterunt, hoc Sochman apposuit tisdem Engelricus huic Manerio post Advenum R. W. ut Homines de Hundred. testantur et unus homo Abbas de Hamsey. quinq. hid. de hoc Manerio habuit admodum modum. Ipse non potuit dare vel vendere terram suam extra Ecclesiam Sancti Benedicti, quem Engelri apposuit huic Manerio post advenum Regis Will. qui non fuit ibi tempore Regis Edwardi, ut Hundred. testatur. Illi predicti tres Sochman. qui adhuc ibi sunt un. hid. habentes homines Engelrici fuerunt et terram suam vendere poterunt.

Earl Eustace held Errang, it was rated for nine and thirty Hides in the time of King Edward (the Confessor,) and now for five Hides and one Virgate. The arable is twenty Carucates in Demeasme twelve Hides, and there are three Carucates, now two more may be made, there is one and twenty Villains with six Borders and sixteen Cottagers, and three Sochmen having nine Carucates, and now six more may be made, there are eight Servants, and two Mills of nine Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow ten Carucates, Common of Pasture for the Cattle of the Vill, and three Shillings Rent by the Year, Wood to feed one thousand Hogs in Pannage time. In this Vill is a Berewick (now I think called the Berrp) where eight Villains sat, having two Carucates, and a third may be made.

In the whole it was valued at two and twenty Pounds of white Money by the weight of this Earl, when he received it twenty Pounds in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) five and twenty Pounds; Elgeric held this Mannor in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) and there were two Sochmen, Men (under the Protection) of *Usulf* Son of *Frane*, held two Hides and might sell them, the same Engelric laid these Sochmen to this Mannor after the coming of King William as the Men of the Hundred can witness; and one Man (under the Protection of the Abbot of Hamsey) had five Hides of this Mannor after the same manner. He could not give nor sell this Land from the Church of *St. Benedict*, which Engelric had laid to this Mannor after the coming of King William the Conqueror which was not there in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) as the Hundred can witness. Those aforesaid three Sochmen who are now there having one Hide, were Men (under the Protection) of Engelric, and might sell their Land.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 688.*

Shortly after this Mannor returned to the Crown again and Anno 1148 King Stephen founded the Church of *St. Ebersham* in *Hent*, and gave to the Abbot and Monks, this Mannor of *Erring* with all the Appurtenances, in perpetual Alms for the Health of the Souls of *Maud* his Queen and all faithful People. And Queen *Maud* gave all this Mannor of *Erring* with all its Appurtenances to the Abbot and Monks of *St. Sabours* of *Ebersham*, in free, pure, and perpetual Alms. To have and to hold well and in Peace with all its Appurtenances, and with all other Liberties and

Free Customs for ever, quit and free from all secular Exactions, Suits, and Demands.

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*

William Earl of *Bolon*, *Marwick*, and *Morton*, Son of King *Stephen* and Queen *Maud*, confirmed this Grant of this Mannor of *Uring*, with all its Appurtenances, and the Service of Stoches which belonged to this Mannor of *Uring*, and was the fourth Part of a Knight's Fee, in free and perpetual Alms, to pray for the Souls of his Father King *Stephen*, and Queen *Maud* his Mother, and *Eustace* his Brother, for his own Soul, and the Souls of all his Ancestors.

And King *Henry* II. confirmed the Grant which Queen *Maud* had given to them, and the Lands which she bought of *Fulke de Newenham*, and gave to them.

King *H. III.* also confirmed these Grants of this Mannor to the Church of *Jeffersham*, govern'd according to the Order of the *Cluniacensis*. To have and hold with Soc, Sac, Toll, Theam, Infangthef, and with all Liberties and Free Customs, as freely as the Church of *Jeffersham* might hold them by the Grant of King *Henry* his Grandfather, and King *John* his Father, and the Grants of the said Donors.

*Mon. Angl.
vol. 1, fol. 688.*

The Abbot of *Jeffersham*, upon a *Quo Warranto*, brought before *John Rygate*, and others, Justices Itinerants at *Hertford*, on the Morrow of the Feast of *All Souls*, Anno 6 *Edw.* I. claimed by the Grant of King *Stephen*, to hold this Mannor which was ancient Demeasne, and was then worth by the Year 30*l.* King *Edw.* II. in the ninth of his Reign, granted to the Abbot of *Jeffersham*, and the Monks in the Mannor of *Uring*, one Market to be held on *Friday* on every Week, and two Fairs. King *Edw.* III. 14th of his Reign, granted to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Return of all Writs, Summons, Attachments, also Chattels of Felons, Fugitives, Amerceaments, Issues, Forfeitures, Year, Day, and Waste, which shall at any time happen in this Mannor.

*Que Warr. 6
Ed. I. Rot. 56.
in dorso cur.
recept. Scac.*

*Cart. 9 Ed. II.
fol. 53, m. 48,
14 Ed. III. n.
19.*

The Abbots of this Church held this Mannor to the time of the Dissolution of their Monastery, when it came to

The Crown, and from thence it was conveyed to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who Anno 37 *Hen.* VIII. granted it and the Advowson and Patronage of the Parsonage and Rectory of the Church of *Uring*, with all their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances in this County. To have and to hold the same to the King, his Heirs and Successors for ever.

*Stat. 37 H.
VIII. cap. 16.*

But the same Archbishop by another Grant dated the same Year, conveyed it as Parcel of his Possessions to

Sir *Edward North*, Kt. who was then Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations, and Chancellor of that Court, grew at length so far into the Favour of that King, that he was constituted one of his Executors; but shortly after this Sir *Edward* granted this Mannor with the Appurtenances to

*Cart. 14 Ed.
III. n. 10.*

*Hund. of
Buckrun.*

Sir Richard Lee of Blunts, who Anno 1 Edw. VI. exchanged it with the King for Lands in the Town of St. Albans, from whence Edw. VI. *secundo Regni sui*, regranted it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, from whom it was re-conveyed to the Crown, after which King Philip and Queen Mary by their Charter dated at Westminster, *secundo Die Julii, Annis 1 and 2 P. & M.* in Consideration of the acceptable Service which Henry Peckham, Esq. had done for that Queen in those Rebellions of John Duke of Northumberland, and afterwards of Sir Thomas Wyat, granted to

Henry Peckham and Elizabeth his Wife, all that their Lordship or Mannor of Uting, late Parcel of the Possessions of Richard Lee, with all the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, and the Advowson, and the Rights of Patronage of the Church, the Court Leet, View of Franc-pledge, and all things belonging to it, Chattels, Waifes, Estraises, Fairs, Markets, Tolls, Free-warren, and all other Rights, Jurisdictions, Franchises, Priviledges, Profits, and Hereditaments whatsoever. To have and to hold the said Mannor and Premises to Henry Peckham and Elizabeth his Wife, and the Heirs and Assigns of him the said Henry Peckham for ever, of the Queen in Capite, by the Service of the fortieth Part of a Knight's Fee, for all Rents, Services, and Demands whatsoever; who had the hard Fate to be attainted of High Treason, *tempore Elizabethæ*, by Reason whereof this Mannor return'd again to the Crown, and King James I. granted it Anno Regni sui, to Trustees, for the Use of the Prince of Wales for 99 Years; but King Charles I. settled it in Trustees, for the Maintenance of Queen Mary, after her Decease, it remained to the Crown until it came to

Henry Guy, Esq. who was one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, and after that Clerk of the Treasury in the time of King Charles II. King James II. and William and Mary; and has served as a Member of Parliament in all the Parliaments held under the three last Kings for the Borough of ——— in the County of York, and is now the present Lord hereof.

By the Custom of this Mannor, every Tenant shall, upon his Admission to any Copihold Land, pay to the Lord the Value of two Years Quit Rent for a Fine.

MASCEWEL, MISSEWEL.

KING William the Conqueror gave this Hamlet to Robert de Todeni, another of his great Normans, for his good Services in the Conquest of this Kingdom, for 'tis recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 138, n. 23.*

In Urrung Hundred Robt. de Todeni et Radas de eo tenuit Mascewelle pro quatuor decem hidis se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi, et modo pro tribus hidis et duobus virgat. et dimid. tamen sunt semper quatuor decem hidis. Terra est septem car. in dominio sunt duo, et quindecim Virg. cum quatuor

PENLEY M

*To the Honourable S^r
This Plate of the Vanner
humbly*

Pub^d by J. Mullinger

SENIOR HOUSE .



Richard Anderson Bar^r
House of Penley is
dedicated by
Rev. Dyer
Bps. Sturford 1826

Bord. habentibus quinque carucat. pratum septem Car. pastura ad pec. et duo sel. Silva quingint Porcis, in totis valentiis valet centum sel. et unam unicam auri quando recepit septem lib. tempore Regis Edwardi octo lib. Hoc Mannorium tenuit Osulfus filius Franc. Teignus Regis Edwardi antecessor Roberti Todeniensis.

*Hund. of
Becorum.*

Robert de Todeu and *Ralph* held of him *Manschel* in *Erving Hundred*, it was rated for fourteen Hides in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor) and now for three Hides and two Virgates, and half an Hide, notwithstanding they are always accounted fourteen Hides. The arable is seven Carucates, in Demeasne are two, and fifteen Villains, with four Bordars having five Carucates, Meadow seven Carcates, Common of Pas- for the Cattle, and two Shillings Rent by the Year, Wood to feed five hundred Hogs, in the whole Value it is worth one hundred Shillings, and one Ounce of Gold, when he received it seven Pounds, in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor) eight Pounds, *Osulfe* the Son of *Franc*, a Thane of *King Edward* (the Confessor) Ancestor of *Robert Todeu* held this Mannor.

But in short time this Mannor came to *Robert de Belun*, a *Frenchman*, born in the Province of *Artois*, who granted it to the Abbot and Monks of *St. Saviours of Febersham* at Fee-farm, and they held it to the time of the Dissolution of their Monastery, when it came to the Crown.

*Mon. Angl.
fol. 669.*

The Mannor of BUNSTRUX & RYCARDYNGS

WAS also Parcel of the Revenue of the Church of *Febersham*, and the Abbot and Monks there granted this Mannor-house or Chief Messuage, &c. with Houseboot, Hayboot, and Fireboot in their Wood in *Erving*, called *Westwood*, from time to time, when it was necessary to take it, and also yearly Pasture for the Feed of two Horses, and six Oxen for the Draught of the Plough in the several Pastures of this Mannor of *Erving*, with the yearly Feed of such Beasts in the same Mannor, and for all other Animals sans Number, together with the Lords of *Erving's* Cattle in all the commonable Places of *Erving* whatsoever; by which Means the Mannor came to the Possession of *Robert de Whittyngkam*, who was knighted, constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 17 H. VI. and he died seiz'd hereof, leaving *Margaret* who was his Daughter and Heir; but upon his Death, this Mannor came to *Agnes* his Wife, the Daughter and Heir to *Richard Buckland*, who survived him and held it during her Life, and upon her Decease it descended to his Daughter *Margaret*, from whom it passed by the same Persons as the Mannor of *Pendley* to *Sir Richard Anderson* and his Heirs, who held Court here Anno 1490, and is the present Lord hereof.

*Rot. Pip.
17 H. VI.*

*Rot. Cur. 14
and 15 H. VII.*

The Mannor of PENDLEY or PENTLAI.

KING *William* the Conqueror gave this Mannor of *Pentlai* to *Earl Moreton*, of whom it is recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

In Pentlai tenuit Comes Moritonus duo hid. Terra est duo Car. ibi un. Vill. cum sex Bord. habentibus un. Car. et alia potest fieri, pratum un Car.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 15.*

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

et dimid. valet tringint. sol. quando recepit vigint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quadragint. sol. hanc terram tenuit Eddeva Monial. de Ingelricis non potuit dare, hæc duo hid. sũt de septem hid. quas sumpsit Comes filitonus in Ering.

Earl Moreton held two Hides in *Bendlep*. The Arable is two Carucates; there is one Villain with six Bordars having one Carucate and another may be made, meadow one Carucate and an half; it is worth thirty Shillings a Year, when he received it twenty Shillings, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) forty Shillings. *Eddeva* a Nun held this Land, she could not give it away from *Ingelric*: These are two Hides which Earl Moreton took away from the seven Hides in *Ering*.

Having treated of this Earl Moreton, in the Parish of *Berkhamsted St. Peters*, I shall proceed to the next Lord of this Place that I find, who is *John de Ayngel*, and he held this Mannor Anno 10 Edward II. He is writ *Tenens de Bendele*, in Regard he held it of the Honour of *Berkhamsted*, but without Question is Lord hereof, and the Son and Heir of *John de Ayngel*, who served for this County with *Robert de Hoo* in the Parliament held Anno 26 Edw. I. and *Ralph de Munchansey* in the Parliament held Anno 30th of the same King, and *Gerard de Braybrocks* in the Parliament held Anno 1 Edw. II. and *Ralph de Monte Cavisio* in the Parliament held Anno 2nd of the same King. He held another Court in this Mannor in the 19th Year of the same King, and several other Courts from An. 2nd until the 24th Year of Edw. III. he served in this County in the first Parliament held 12 Edw. III. and conveyed this Mannor to

Andrew de Dures, who held Court here in the 27th Year of the same King; but afterwards sold it to

Sir *John de la Hay*, who held Court here Anno 49 Edw. III. and was the Son of *John de la Hay*, who served for this County in four several Parliaments, whereof two were held Annis 12 Edw. II. and 15 Edw. II. and the other two Annis 5 and 6 Edward III. and was Sheriff for this County and *Essex*, the last Half of the sixth Year, and the first Half of the seventh Year of Edward III. I guess he had Issue only two Daughters, *Alice* married *Robert Whittingham*, and *Joan* married to *Walter Pain*, who were his Coheirs, for a Court was held for this Mannor, An. 3 Hen. IV. in their Names, and doubtless *Walter Paine* and *Joan* his Wife conveyed their Moyety of it to *Robert Whittingham*, or otherwise they dying without Issue, their Moiety might come to *Alice* the Wife of *Robert Whittingham*, who had Issue

Robert, who held Court for this Mannor Anno 1 Hen. V. and other Courts continually here, until 24 Hen. VI. during which time he was knighted; and that King in the 18th Year of his Reign granted License to this *Robert* to inclose a Park for Deer, and Free-warren in *Ering* and *Alburp*. He was afterwards attainted of High Treason in the time of Edw. IV. for adhering to King H. VI. upon which this Mannor came to Edw. IV. who 7 Regni sui, granted it to

Prin's Parl.
Drev. pt. 3,
p. 115.

Rot. Cur. 19
Ed. I.
Prin.

Rot. Cur. 27
Ed. III.

Rot. Cur. 49
Ed. III.

Prin.

Rot Cur. 1 H.
V. 24 H. VI.

Humphry Bouchier, Lord *Cromwel*, the third Son to *Henry* the first Earl of *Essex* of that Family, who married *Joan* the Daughter of *Richard Stanhope*, Niece and Co-heir of *Richard* Lord *Cromwel* of *Tatshall*, and was summoned to Parliament by the Title of Lord *Cromwel*; but on the 11th of *Edw.* IV. fighting valiantly on the Part of King *Edward* at *Barnet-field* was slain, and dying without Issue, I guess, upon some Agreement, this Mannor was restored again to

*Hund. of
Bacorum.*

Sir Robert Whittingham, who died leaving Issue *Margaret*, who was his Daughter and Heir. His Arms were *Per Fess Argent and Or, a Fess Vert, over all a Lyon rampant Gules.*

Margaret succeeded, married *John Varney*, held Court here in the 14th and 15th Years of *Edward* IV. in their Names, and from thence to the third Year of King *H.* VII. when he died; he left Issue

*Rot. 14 & 15
Ed. IV. 3 H.
VII.
Rot. Pip. 15
H. VII.*

John, who was knighted, constituted Sheriff of this County and *Essex*, Anno 14 *H.* VII. and after his Decease

Sir Ralph Varney was his Heir, succeeded him in this Mannor, and held a Court here Anno 8 *H.* VIII. He made his Will, and left *Sir Richard Weston* and other Feoffees in Trust for the Performance thereof, and died leaving Issue *Edmond* his Heir; but the next Court was held Anno 23 *H.* VIII. in the Names of *Sir Richard Weston*, and the other Feoffees appointed for the Performance of the last Will and Testament of *Sir Ralph Varney*, Kt.

*Rot. Cur. 8
H. VIII.*

*Rot. Cur. 23
H. VIII.*

Afterwards the Courts for this Mannor were held Anno 38 *Eliz.* in the Name of *Edmond Varney*, Esq. who was Sheriff for this County Anno 19 *Eliz.* and held this Mannor until such time that he sold it to

*Rot. Cur. 38
Eliz.*

Richard Anderson, Esq. who held a Court here Anno 5 *Jac.* I. was knighted 7 *Jac.* I. and died leaving Issue *Henry*, who held a Court for this Mannor An. 1637, 13 *Car.* I. was created Baronet by Letters Patents dated the 3d of *July*, 1643, and died leaving Issue

*Rot. Cur. 5 &
7 J. I. 13 C. I.
Pat. 17 Car. I.*

Sir Richard, who was his Son and Heir, married to *Elizabeth* the eldest Daughter of *Sir Thomas Hewyt* of *Bishop-bury* in this County, Kt. and Baronet, by *Margaret* his second Wife, the eldest Daughter of *Sir William Lytton* of *Knebworth-place* in this County, Kt. and is the present Lord hereof.

BUBLECOAT

IS an ancient Hamlet which one *Fulke* held of Earl *Moreton* in the time of *William* the Conqueror, when 'twas recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

Fulkoldus tenuit Bublecoate, de Comite Moriton pro una hid. et dimid. ac defendebat. Terra est un. car. et dimid. in Dominio est car. et tres Vill.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 136, n. 15.*

*Hand. of
Bacorum.*

habentes dimid. ibi duo Bord. et un. molin. de duodecem sol. et quatuor denar. pratum duo car. valet et valuit trigint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi quadragint. sol. Hanc terram tenuit Eddeva de Ingelrico, non potuit mittere extra Erdbung. Hæc terra est de septem hidis quas sumpsit Comes Moritonus de Erdbung.

Fulke held Bublecate of Earl Moreton, it was rated for one Hide and an half. The arable is one Carucate and an half, in Demeasne is a Carucate, three Villains, having half a Carucate, there are two Bordars, and one Mill of twelve Shillings and four Pence Rent by the Year, Meadow two Carucates; it is worth and was worth thirty Shillings a Year, in the time of King Edward (the Confessor) forty Shillings. Eddeva held this Land, she could not take it out of Ering from Egelric. This Land is Part of seven Hides which Earl Moreton took from Ering.

DANESLAI.

*Domesd. Lib.
fol. 16.*

'TIS recorded in *Domesdei Book*, that

In Daneslai tenuit quidam Vidua de Comes Moreton tertiam partem dimid. hida. Terra est un. bovi, valet et valuit semper duodecem denar. hanc terram tenuit Ingelricus de terra septem hid. de Erdbung quam sumpsit Comes.

A certain Widdow held of Earl Moreton the third Part of half an Hide in Daneslep. The arable is an Oxcange; it is worth and always was worth twelve Pence. Ingelric held this Land, 'twas Part of the Land of seven Hides which Earl Moreton took away from Ering.

But this also I pretermitt because it is no Mannor as I can learn, but I suppose the Place is very ancient, and might give the Name to *Danais Hundred*.

WILLESTON, or WILLESTHORNE

IS a Hamlet and Mannor which did anciently belong to the Family of the *Lakes*, as is evident by their Coat of Arms in ancient Glass in the North Window in Ering Church, which are *Quarterly four Crescents Or and Azure, counterchanged*, thus



This Mannor is now in the Possession of *William Lake*, Gent. descended from *Jeoffery de Lake*, who was Sheriff of this County for the first Half of the 14th Year of *Edw. II.* and it has continued in that Name till it came to *Thomas Lake*, who married *Anne* Daughter of ——— *Badham*, by whom he had Issue *William*, who married *Faith* Daughter of *Thomas Duncombe* of *Ibtingo*, by whom he had Issue *William*, *Lydia*, the Wife of *John Duncombe*, *Elizabeth*, and *Faith*.

Which *William* married *Rebecca*, Daughter of *Henry Reeves*, and after her Decease, he married *Martha* Daughter of *John Kidgel*, by whom he had Issue *William*, *Anne*, and *Elizabeth*: There was a Chappel of Ease in this Hamlet, which was lately demolished.

Hund. of
Baronum.

THIS Rectory of Ering is appropriated to the Use of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in Oxford, who are obliged by Reason hereof to find a Curate to officiate at Ering, Bigington, and Long Marston, and they have demised the Parsonage and the Tythes of these three Parishes to Henry Guy, Esq. the Vicaridge is rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 77l. 13s. 4d.

This Church is erected about the Middle of the Vill, in the Deanery of Berkhamstead in the Diocess of Lincoln, 'tis a large pile of Building with a fair Chancel annexed to the East End, and a Tower at the West End thereof, cover'd with Lead, and in the same is a good Ring of six Bells, with a short Spire upon it, the Chancel is fair and large, and about eight Foot in height, and was well wainscoated at the sole Charges of Sir Richard Anderson of Wendley. Baronet. And there is a fair Monument which is thus Inscribed.

*Manc parumper Hospes, quisquis es,
Hic Mortalitatē deposuit
Immortalitate donandus, Henricus Andersonus de Wendley Baronettus, qui
cum, sub Christi vexillo, 45 Annos meruisset, (ut Cælum quod diu Anhelasset opportune arriperet.)*

*Lubens fato Cessit
filium interim filiamq; superstites
reliquit utriusq; Sexus Ornamentum.*

Ut et Viduam Virtute Pietate

et armore conjugali insignem.

Quam licet secundis Nuptiis

ductam nulli tamen

Secundam Invenit.

Obiit Julii 1653.

Vir amicis Charus, quos intime

Dilexit, Regi dilectus, quem

Non (vel desertum) deseruit.

His Paternal Coat, and the Arms of Ulster as Baronet is at the Bottom:

A large black Marble also, whereon are Coates of Arms twice (viz.) On the right is impaled, two Coats Quarterly Quartered (viz.) in the first Escutcheon, a Chevron between three Crosses flowered, and a Flower de Luce for Difference, by the Name of Anderson. The second is Sable, two single Shack Bolts and one double Argent, by the Name of Anderson. The third as the second, the fourth as the first.

The second Escutcheon is Quartered three Coates, (viz.) First, three Roses, two and one, and in Chief three more. The second is Barry of six Pieces, in Chief three Fowles. The third, three Crescents; and the fourth as the first: Which three Coates quartered are the Arms of the Caesar's of Hertfordshire, and were impaled by Sir Henry Anderson in Right of his Wife. The Atchievement on the left is the said Caesars alone.

Underneath is written as follows.

*Mortalitatis reliquias sub hoc Marmore acervari voluit, Jacomina Anderson
Henrico Anderson, Armig. (ut Connubio sic Amore) junctissima, cujus
Animam viginti tres annos Corpori Mancipatum in Cælum transtulit, qui
e Cælo dimisit Deus nec tota abiit Maritum, enim prolebis Gemina
dilexit; quam inter Cælum terramq; partita est duas filiolas (Cælo
Inhians) ad Cælum præmisit Filium autem Filiamq; Morito superstiti,
superstites reliquit, hanc vitam Anxit ut æternam Inchoaret.*

Pridie ID. Octob. anno 8. 1639.

Before the two former is another Gravestone with the Paternal Coat of Anderson, and the Flower de Luce Difference, thus inscribed.

Ex Lector,

Annam et Mariam Anderson filiolas ut in eadem. Natura cum Matri charissimas, ita etiam Mortæ cum Consortes, quarum Corpora, ut idem uterus conclusit vivæ sic idem Tumulus continet Mortuas.

There is also an old Stone, wants Brasses, lyes on the left of the former.

*Hand. of
Bacorum*
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Within the Rail of the Communion Chancel are the rest, (*viz.*) a large black Marble with the Arms of the *Andersons*, and Difference as aforesaid, on the Dexter Corner and on the Sinister Corner is the same, and another impaled (*viz.*) the Arms of the *Spencer's*, which is Quarterly *Argent and Gules, the second as the third charged with a Fret Or, over all on a Bend Sable three Escallops of the first.*

Underneath is writtten thus,

*Hic placide in Christo obdormiscit in eodem  
Christo demum evigilaturus Richardus Anderson  
de Wenbley, Eques Auratus, cujus Anima in Caelos  
Ministerio Angelorum delata Depositum etiam  
hujus Cooptionem in consortium ejusdem  
Gloria per Archangeli imperium expectat.  
ob 3<sup>o</sup> Augusti  
A. R. S.  
1632.*

Then are the same impaled Arms again.

On the right of the former is another large black Marble, on the Top thereof of the former Arms of *Anderson* and *Anderson* Quartered.

Thus inscribed.

*Hic jacet Matrona prestantissima Maria Anderson, Richardi Andersoni de  
Wenbley, Militis, Relicta, Roberti Spencer de Berminghiam Baronis  
filia, Quae post Matrimonium Caelis premium, post 5 Filios Redditibus suis  
amplis ditatae; et 10 Filias feliciter eleatas (suis pene omnibus Superates)  
ex hac vita Migravit Julii 14. 1658.*

Gaillim.

*Brevi hoc Testimonium (Amoris et Officii ergo posuit) Richardus Anderson  
Baronettus defunctae (ex primogenito) Nepos.*

Underneath is the Atchievement of the Lord *Spencer* her Father; which is thus blazoned, *viz.* He bears eight Coats Marshallled in one Shield, as followeth, *viz.* First, Quarterly *Pearl* and *Ruby*, the second and third charged with a *Fret Topaz*, over all on a *Bend Diamond*, three *Escallops of the first*, being the ancient Coat belonging to this noble Family, as a Branch descended from the *Spencers*, Earls of *Gloucester* and *Marlborough*. The second is *Saphire*, a *Fess Ermine* between six *Seamewe Heads crossed Pearl*, born also by the Name of *Spencer*. The third is *Ruby*, three *Stirreps Leathered in pale Topaz*, by the Name of *Devereul*. The fourth is *Topaz*, on a *Cross Ruby fess Stars Pearl*, by the Name of *Lincolnes*. The fifth is *Pearl*, a *Chevron* between three *Cinqufoils pierced, Ruby*, by the Name of *Warsted*. The sixth is *Ermine*, on a *Chevron Ruby fess Beazants*, a *Crescent in chief of the second*, by the Name of *Grant*. The seventh is *Pearl* on a *Bend* between two *Lions rampant Diamond*, a *Wicorne*, with the *Wings Overt of the first*, by the Name of *Rudings*. The eighth and last is *Party per Chevron Saphire and Topaz*, three *Lyoncels passant guardant counterchanged*, a *Chief Pearl*, by the Name of *Catlyn*. All within the Escutcheon.

On the left of *Sir Richard Andersons* lies a large white Marble Stone, which has the Paternal Coat of the *Andersons* with the Difference as before, and thereon is written thus,

*Maria Richardi Anderson, Equit. Aurat. filia secunda, quae obiit 21 Maii  
Anno Dom. 1638.*

At the Foot of the former, and next to the Communion Table is a small black Marble, on the top thereof two Coats impaled, *viz.* The first, within a *Bordar charged with some sort of Rundles*, a *Field Checque*, on a *dexter Canton three Coronets, flosses*. The second is the Paternal Coat of the *Andersons*; there under is written.

Here resteth the Body of *Richard Warren*, the Son of *Thomas Warren* and of *Frances* his Wife, who soon hasted from the Cradle to the Grave, and died a quiet Innocent, to live a joyful Saint, the ninth month of his age, being *April*, Anno Dom. 1640.

On the Wall on the North Side of the Communion Chancel within the Rail is a white Marble Table thus inscribed.

*Hand. of  
Bacorum.*

*Hic caelo raptâ Pallam post se reliquit.  
Non jam constantior quam olim superstes  
Templi Incola, Templi Diva,  
Nobilis virgo Maria Anderson,  
Digna haud simplici Marmore, sed Legum tabulis condi;  
Quae aliis preceptorum huius vitæ Historiam exhibeant,  
Ita quippe cum Deo versata est,  
(Hei quam immani pietate)  
Ut raro seculi Morbo Tabuerit Casti desiderio,  
Et pro Phthisi exederit Domus sacra Zelum:  
Ita cum hominibus versata,  
(Quantâ alii instante Morte, aut urgente Morbo Religione)  
perinde quasi in Templo, aut sanctorum  
Communione ageret  
Tertii cujusdam sexus reddidit Sanctitatis.  
Qualem Angeli jactant, et beatorum calitum Incola  
Et quotquot, caelo nupti, terrenis Consortiis repudium  
Miserunt.  
Hæc illa,  
Quæ in vivis, tanquam extra vivorum numerum  
In carne Quasi extra Carnem vixerat,  
Non jam primum Mortua  
Sed mortem confessa est.  
Anno atat. 28. Salutis 1638.*

On the South Side of the Communion Chancel, and within the Rail, is a large black Marble, on the Top thereof are the arms of Mr. Guy, and hers by the Name of *Wethered*, impaled, viz. his being *Gules, seven Lozenges Vaire*, and hers being *Gules, a Chevron between three Fleah Pots*, Or. Underneath is thus written.

H. S. E.  
*Venerabilis Matrona,  
Domina Elizabetha Guy  
Francisci Wethered de Ashlings in Com. Rutl.  
Armig. filia, Henrici Guy  
de Etring, Armig. quondam Uxor;  
Quinquaginta Annorum Vidua,  
Qua nec Graviorem, nec Sanctiorem vidit omnis Antiquitas,  
nec ætas nostra comitiorem aut jucundiorem.  
Vitæ suavisissimam honestissime Actam,  
Cunctis Matronalium virtutum Laudibus insignivit;  
Pietate primavæ in Deum,  
Candidissimis Moribus in omnes  
Liberalitate Generosâ invictos,  
Beneficentiâ singulari in egenos,  
Authoritate mitissima in famulos  
Indulgentiâ prudentissimâ in filium filiamque,  
Henricum et Elizabetham,  
Filium Obsequentissimum filiam sui quam simillimam,  
Ad præclaras has virtutes exercendas,  
Quibus erat omnibus exemplo, omnibus in deliciis,  
Amplissimum vitæ spacium indulxit Deus.  
Quippe quæ, regnante Elizabethâ, Nata,  
In Gulielmi et Maria Regnum duravit,  
Beatissimis sæculis, orta et extincta.  
Viridem oegatamque senectam,  
Fælici corporis habitudine consecuta,  
Eandem presigni temperantia firmavit,  
Equanimitate mirâ et Lenissimo ingenio ornavit;  
Nihil erat in illa senectute, quod ipsa incusaret,  
Nihil quod Amici non diligerent, simul et Colerent,  
Placidissimam hanc vitam  
Pari tandem exitu finivit,*

Hund. of  
Sexorum.



*Cumque Nonagenaria jam decessisset,  
Tanto suorum, bonorumque omnium  
Marore et desiderio elata est,  
Ut prematurâ morte abrepta videretur,  
Anno Dom. MDCXC.  
Matri optima et charissima  
Henricus filius, P. P.*

Over the last Monument are two Pennons with the Arms of *Guy* and *Wethered* impaled as aforesaid.

There are four more ancient Gravestones in *Tring* Church, whose Brasses are gone, and had Effigies on them, whereof one is very large, and seems to have been armed Capape, and hath eight Plates on it, where Coats of Arms have been inlayed.

In one of the North Windows are Mr. *Lakes* Arms twice, and *W. L* between them.

In one of the South Windows is, *In a Field Argent, two Bars Nebule Azure, over all on a Bend Gules, a Lyon passant regardant, Or*, by the Name of *Elliot*, who was buried there.

This Parish of *Tring* lieth partly in the *Chiltern* and partly in the Vale of *Alesbury*, the chief place whereof is *Tring*, a Market Town, having one Market weekly on *Friday*, and two Fairs, one on the Feast of *St. Peter*, the other on the Feast of *St. Michael* the Archangel.

## LONG MARSTON

IS an Hamlet which was waste Ground in the time of *William* the Conqueror, for there is no Mention of it in *Domesdei Book*; but since it has been improved, it hath been made Part of the Parish of *Tring*, and heretofore was a very fair Seat in the time of *Edw. III.*

Plit. Trin.  
E.3. III. Rot.  
18.

*Robert Stratford*, Parson, &c. granted by Deed to *Christine Bardolfe* the Mannor of *Long Marston* for his Life, the Remainder to Sir *Roger de Puttenham*, Kt. and *Margery* his Wife, and the Heirs of their Bodies begotten, and for Want of such Issue, the Remainder to the Heirs of the said *Roger*. Afterwards it was Parcel of the Possession of the *Wilmots*, who were Ancestors to the late Earls of *Rocheſter*; then was conveyed to the *Clerks*, who enjoyed it in their Name till it passed to *Thomas Saunders*, by the Marriage of *Jane* the Daughter and Heir of *Clerk*, and remained in that Name as is hereafter set forth in *Puttenham*, to which I refer the Reader; it continued some time in that Name till *Thomas Saunders*, Esq. a Barrister at Law, sold it to *Thomas Bromley*, Citizen of *London*, who died seized hereof, leaving Issue *Nathaniel Bromley*, the present Possessor hereof.

In this Hamlet there is a Church or fair Chappel, where the Dean and Chapter of *Christchurch* in *Oxford*, who have the Impropriation of the Tith of this Place, ought to find a Curate to officiate there for the Ease of the Inhabitants.

## CHARITIES.

Hund. of  
Bacorum.

*John Wing* gave twenty Nobles to the Chappelwardens to be let out by them, and the Interest to be disposed of among the Poor.

*John Cock* gave three Pounds in the same manner, and the Interest to be disposed yearly among the Poor.

## WIGENTONE, WIGINTON.

WHEN *William* the Conqueror made a Conquest of this Realm and disposed of the Lands of this County, he bestowed this Mannor upon *Earl Moreton*, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded, that

*Hamfridus tenuit de Comes Moreton Wigentons pro septem hidis et dim. et tertia parte dimid. hidæ se defendebat. Terra est quinque car. in Dominio est una, et alia potest fieri. Ibi quinque Vill. habentes duo car. et tertia potest fieri, ibi sex cotar. et un. Servus, et un. Molin. de quinq; sol. pratum un. car. Silos centum porc. in totis valentiis valet quatuor lib. quando recepit quadragint. sol. tempore Regis Edwardi sex lib. De hoc Manerio Brictric tres hid. et dimid. homo Eddid Regina, et Godvin homo Engelrici habuit tres hid. et tertia part. dimid. hid. non potuit dare nec vendere extra Eredunga, et hæc sunt pars de septem hid. quas sumpsit Comes Moritonus de Eredunga, et Leuriens homo Osulfi tenuit dimid. hid. et potuit vendere et alia dim. hid. jacuit in Berthamsted.*

*Domesd. Lib.*  
*fol. 136. n. 18.*

*Humphry* held of *Earl Moreton* Wigentons, it was rated for seven Hides and an half, and the third Part of half an Hide. The arable is five Carucates, in Demeasne is one, and another may be made, there are five Villains having two Carucates, and a third may be made; there are six Cottagers, and one Servant, and one Mill of five Shillings Rent by the Year, Meadow one Carucate, Wood to feed one hundred Hogs; in the whole Value it is worth four Pounds a Year, when he received it forty Shillings, in the time of *King Edward* (the Confessor) six Pounds. *Brictric* a Man (under the Protection) of *Queen Edditha* held three Hides and an half of this Mannor, and *Goewide* a Man (under the Protection) of *Engelric* had three Hides, and the third Part of half an Hide, he could not give nor sell it from *Ereung*, and these are Part of seven Hides which *Earl Moreton* took away from *Ereung*; and *Leuric* a Man (under the Protection) of *Osulfe* held half an Hide and might sell it, and the other half Hide lay in *Berthamsted*.

I have treated before of this *Earl Moreton*, in whose Name this Mannor remained till the time of *King John*, when it came to the Possession of *Eve Brock* and *Margaret* of *Wigington*, who levied a Fine of four Hides of Land in this Vill to the Use of *Eve*, but *Gilbert Gernet*, Brother of *Margaret*, forfeited the Land for Felony to the Lord of the Fee, and *Margaret* held it by the Will of *Walter de Keisnow* and *Eve* his Wife; and I find that *Jeoffery de Lucy*, the Lord of the Mannor of *Chatsden*, was Lord hereof, in whose Name they continued till it came to

*Sir Reginald de Lucy*, who was possess of both of them 2 H.VI. from whom it descended to *Sir Jeoffery de Lucy*, who I suppose conveyed it to

*Sir Henry Corbet*, who held it Anno 21 Hen.VII. and died leaving Issue

*Fin. 30 Joh.*  
*Mich. Rot. 2.*  
*in receipt.*  
*Scac.*

*Plit. Hil. 28*  
*Ed. 1. Rot. in*  
*receipt. Scac.*

*Hund. of  
Bacorum.*

Rot. Cur. 9 H  
VIII. Rot. 1  
E. VI.

*Roger*, his Son and Heir within Age, upon which his Guardianship was granted to Sir *Andrew Winsor*, Kt. who by Reason hereof, held a Court for this Mannor in his Name, Anno 9 H. VIII. but this *Roger Corbet* coming of Age An. 1 *Edw.* VI. he then held a Court here in his own Name; and some time after

Rot. Cur. 24  
Eliz.

*John Churchill*, Gent. purchased this Mannor, and held a Court here Anno 24 *Eliz.* soon after he granted it to

Rot. Cur. 30  
Eliz.

*James Williams*, Gent. who held another Court here on the 30th of *Eliz.* in his Name; but in short Space after it was sold again to

Rot. Cur. 35  
Eliz.

*William Palmer*, Esq. who held his Court for this Mannor in his Name, in the 35th Year of Queen *Elizabeth*; within some Space following it was conveyed to

Rot. Cur. 40  
Eliz.

*Thomas Palmer*, Esq. who held a Court here Anno 40 *Eliz.* from whom it came to

Rot. Cur. 6  
J. I.

*Edmond Palmer*, Citizen and Mercer of London, and *Richard Palmer*, Citizen and an Apothecary of London, who held a Court here Anno 6 *Jac.* I. and they conveyed this Mannor to

Rot. Cur. 21  
J. I.

*Sir Francis Cheiny*, who held it of the Honour of *Berkhamsted*, and dying seized hereof, it was found that

*Francis Cheiny*, was his Cozen and next Heir; which *Francis* sold it to

*Sir Richard Anderson*, Kt. who held a Court here Anno 21 *Jac.* I. and died seized hereof, leaving Issue

*Henry Anderson*, who was afterwards created Baronet, from whom it is descended to *Sir Richard Anderson*, Bar. who was his Heir, and is the present Lord hereof.

**H**ERE is a small Church, and in a Chancel divided from it lyeth a large Gravestone of black Marble thus inscribed.

Here lyeth the Body of *Thomas Weedon* of *Berkhamsted* in the County of *Hertford*, Esq; who departed this Life the 14th of *February* 1672. in the 47th year of his age.

On the Wall is this Inscription.

*In Memoriam desiderandi usq; Amici Tho. Weedon.*

*Effare marmor, terra quem virum tegit,  
Non mentiente (Quæ soles) Panegyri;  
Huic Jura tribuus Mortuo, quicquid bonum est,  
Natura quem sic dotibus compleverat  
Ut semper esset omnibus Charum Caput:  
Pietate constans (Hoc tacenda seculo)  
Animi pusilli nempe Grandis.*

There are the Arms of the *Weedons* impaled with the *Crooks*, viz. *Argent*, two Bars *Gules*, three Martlets in chief *Sable*, by the Name of *Weedon*. Second, *Gules*, a Fess between six Martlets *Argent*, by the Name of *Crook*; there is also the Atchievement of the *Crooks* as is supposed; for the said *Thomas Weedon* married the Daughter of *Sir Henry Crook*.

Here lyeth the Body of *Lucy Weedon*, second Daughter of *Thomas Weedon* the Elder, Esq; who dyed the 28th day of *October*, in the 16th year of her age 1676.

Hund. of  
Bacorum.

*Another Gravestone full of Inscriptions, but only this to be read.*

Here lyeth the Body of *Frances* late Wife to *John Spark*, Citizen of *London*, and Daughter to *William Young* of *Bristol*, Esq;

## PUTEHAM.

**LEOFWIN**, who was an Earl and Brother to *Harold* and *Gurth*, was possessed of this Vill before the time of the Conquest, and when *William* the Conqueror obtained the Crown, he gave it to the Bishop of *Bayeux* in *France*, as appears by *Domesdei Book*, where 'tis recorded, under the Title of *Terra Episcopi Bajocensis*, that

*In Errunga Hundred. Episcopus Bajocensis tenuit Puteham pro quatuor hidis se defendebat Rogerius tenuit de Episcopo. Terra est quatuor car. in Dominio est una et alia potest fieri, ibi quatuor Vill. cum duobus Bordis habentibus duo car. ibi quatuor cotarii, et duo Servi, et duo Molini de decem sol. et octo denar. pratum quatuor car. et quatuor solid. pastura ad pecud. Valet sexagint. sol. quando recepit quadragint. sol. tempore Regis Edw. quatuor lib. hoc Manerium tenuit Leuvinus Comes.*

Domesd. Lib.  
fol. 134.

*The Land of the Bishop of Bayeux.*

The Bishop of *Bayeux*, in *France*, held *Puteham* in *Errung Hundred*, it was rated for four Hides, *Roger* held it of the Bishop. The arable is four Carucates, in Demesne is one and another may be made, there are four Villains with two Bordars having two Carucates, there are four Cottagers, and two Servants, and two Mills of ten Shillings and eight Pence Rent by the Year, Meadow four Carucates, and four Shillings Rent, Common of Pasture for the Cattle; it is worth sixty Shillings a Year, when he received it forty Shillings, in the time of King *Edward* (the Confessor) four Pounds; *Earl Lewin* held this Mannor.

This Vill with the Mannor of *Astrop*, was Parcel of the Possessions of the *Cheynies*, who descended from *Ralph de Caine*, i. e. *Cheyney*, who came into *England* with *William* the Conqueror; but I am not able to set forth the particular Lords hereof who were of that Name, for I am a Stranger to that ancient Family, but I find it came from them to the Name of *Puttenham*, who, I suppose was denominated from this Vill, in whom it continued till it came to *Edmond Puttenham*, the younger Brother of Sir *George Puttenham*, who died without Issue Male, leaving only

*Elizabeth*, who was his Daughter and Heir, married — *Skipwith* of *Lincolnsheire*, who was possess of this Mannor in her Right, and shortly after sold it to *John Saunders*, who had

*Thomas Saunders*, and *Richard Saunders* of *Dinton* in the County of *Bucks*, *Thomas* married *Jane* the Daughter and Heir of — Clerk the Owner of *Long Marston*, which he held in her Right, lived there, and had Issue

*John Saunders* of *Long Marston*, who married *Mary* Daughter of Sir *Henry Conisby*, by whom he had Issue



*Hund. of  
Dacorum.*

*Thomas Saunders of Beethwood, who I guess, sold it to Francis Duncomb of Ibings in the County of Bucks, Gent. the present Owner hereof.*

This Mannor lies within the Leet of *Beeston* in the County of *Bucks*, but the Court Baron belongs to *Francis Duncomb*, Gent. Several of the Lands in this Parish with the Quit-rents, (as 'tis supposed) have been formerly sold from the Mannor, which may be the Reason they pay no Rents nor Services at this Day.

THIS Rectory is in the Deanery of *Berkhamsted*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, Anno 26 Hen. VIII. was rated in the King's Books at the yearly Value of 10*l.* 1*s.* and the Bishop of *Lincoln* is the Patron hereof.

RECTOR, *Edward Sculthorp*, M. A.

The Church is small but the Tower is large and beautiful, built with square Stones, and Flints laid in Squares; the Chancel, and a great Part of the House, has been lately erected by Mr. *Sculthorp*, the present Rector.

The Arms of Queen *Eliz.* and King *James I.* are fixed in the Church, and in the Top thereof is very good carved Work, among which a Coat of Arms, bearing a *Field Argent*, a *Chevron Sable*, voided between three *Chapelets Gules*, which are supposed to be the Arms of the Founder.

#### CHARITIES.

An Headland given to the Church, which the Churchwardens hold of the Lord of the Mannor for the Benefit of the Church.

*Richard Sare* gave 5*l.* to the Poor of this Parish.

*Henry Stonnel* gave 5*l.* to the Poor.

\_\_\_\_\_ gave 2*l.* 1*s.* to the Poor, which is lost.

### COLESHIL, *alias* OULD STOCK, or STOCK PLACE.

THIS was an ancient and fair Seat, belonging to a small Mannor called *Coleshill*, from its Scituation on a Hill of that Name, but heretofore called *Ould Stock*, otherwise *Stock-platt*, which in the Saxon signifies a Place of Habitation; 'tis an Hamlet belonging partly to *Agmondesham* an ancient Saxon Town and Borough in the *Chiltern* Part of *Buckinghamshire*, and partly to *Beaconsfield*, another pretty Town and Thorowfare in that County, so as about two third Parts lie in *Beaconsfield*, the Rest in *Amersham* Parish. It is a Member of this County of *Hertford*, but dissevered from the Body thereof by the Interposition of its own Parish *Amersham*; and time has well nigh worn out the Remembrance of the Way that joyned this Hamlet to *Hertfordshire*; and the Reason why Lands lying in one County, were sometimes laid to the adjacent County was, where the Sheriff of the one County, had Mannors or Lands in his neighbouring County, he would by Composition or Grant from the King, procure his Mannors or Lands to be

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annexed to his own Jurisdiction, and by Reason hereof, made it Part of his own County, and incorporated it with the same. But others conjecture, that in the time of the Saxon Heptarchy, when continual Encroachments and Invasions were made by those Kings upon their bordering Neighbours, they would incroach Lands which did often lye of Right in anothers County, and under anothers Authority, and having usurped and gotten them, would keep them by Force, and incorporate them with their own County, to which they were adjacent. In Form it is almost quadrangular, the Diameter being somewhat more than a Mile; the Scite is healthy, as lying high and dry; the Soil stony and not very fertile; and perhaps not less than a fourth Part may be Woodland.

This Seat did anciently belong to that great Family of the *Bohun*, Earls of *Hertford* and *Essex*, and was Parcel of the Revenue of *Humphry de Bohun*, Anno 21 *Edw. I.* in whose time *Walter de Agmundesham*, did acknowledge one Mesuage, one Carue of Land, twenty Acres of Wood, 30s. 1d. ob. Rent in the Stock which *William de Cotten* held of *Walter*, for Term of Life to be the Right of *Humphry de Bohun*, Earl of *Hertford* and *Essex*, and his Heirs for ever.

After them the Family of the *Brudenels* succeeded, and lived here successively above two hundred Years ago, and in the time of *H. VII.* *Robert Brudenel* was possess hereof; he was an eminent Lawyer, and received a Writ to be a Serjeant at Law, returnable *tres Mich. An. 20 Hen. VII.* and the same Term was constituted by Patent one of the King's Serjeants; he was preferred to be one of the Justices of the *King's Bench* by Patent dated 28th of *April*, 22 *H. VII.* and afterwards was advanced by another Patent dated at *Westminster*, 13th of *April*, 12 *H. VIII.* to be Chief Justice of the Court of *Common Pleas*.

This *Thomas Brudenel* conveyed this Mannor Anno 20 *H. VII.* by Fine and Recovery to *William Counser*, who held it sometime in that Family, but at length it came to the Possession of *Edmond Waller*, Gent. who lived in this Seat, and had Issue

*Ann*, who married *Peter Saltonstall*, the fourth Son of *Sir Richard Saltonstall*, Kt. one of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, 42 *Eliz.* both whom soon after conveyed it to

*Sir Basil Brook* of *Madely Court* in the County of *Salop*, Kt. but in Consideration of 1860*l.* he sold it to *George Coleshil* of *Kingston Aston* in the County of *Bucks*, Gent. by Deed of Feoffment dated Anno 13 *Jac. I.* 1615, in which he conveyed with all Fishing, Free-warrens, Park, Villains with their Sequels, Court Leets, Views of Franc-pledge, and the Perquisites and Profits of Courts, Franchises, Li-

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berties, Goods and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, outlawed Persons, Waifes, Estraies, Fees, Wards, Marriages, Reliefs, Escheates, Heriots, Fines, &c. and forty three Shillings and three Pence Chief-rents, for Land holden of this Mannor.

This *George Coleshil* was an Attorney at Law, who demolished a great Part of this House, and with the Materials thereof built several Tenements, and then sold what he had left of the Mannor-house and Lands to

*James Perrot* of *Amersham*, who conveyed it to *Henry Child* of *Coleshill*, Yeoman. He soon after granted it to

*Henry Child* of *Amersham*, Yeoman, who had Issue *Henry*, and dying seized thereof it came to

*Henry* the Son, who is the present Possessor of this Mannor, and enjoys the Quit Rent of 43s. 3d. but the House is reduced to a Farm House, and the remaining Part of the Lands doth not now exceed 30l. a Year.

The Inhabitants have a Tradition that within this Hamlet stood an ancient Chappel, and there are some Circumstances to confirm it, for the Foundation of an old Building hath been lately ploughed up in a certain Field in this Vill, and the Farm to which that Field belongs, bears the Name of *Chappel Farm*; without Doubt this little Spot of Land hath in some Ages past been a Place of some Note, for besides those above mentioned, other great Piles of Building have stood here, but those demolished so long since, that no Man here can tell what or whose they were, nor should this Age have known that any such at all had been, did not the Rubbish and Foundations remaining yet within the Ground bespeak it. Of these the most considerable is found within a Wood called *Strainforth Wood*, at the Entrance into the Hamlet on *Amersham* Side; and not far from that in a ploughed Field stood another smaller Pile, the Foundation of which being of late Years digged up, discovered very curious paving Work in Manner of Dice Work. The common Opinion is, that this was a Chappel or Oratory belonging to the adjacent greater Structure. And my Author tells me that he was well acquainted with the Man who some Years since plowed up a Weathercock in that Place, which was supposed to have stood upon the Chappel; and he farther related to me that he once saw a Piece of Brass come (about the Bigness of Half a Crown) which was also ploughed up there, but thro' the Carelessness of him that had it, 'tis now lost.

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HAVING treated of the several Titles of Honour, Degrees, and Ranks of Men as they fell in my Way, I thought it would be a great Satisfaction in general to shew their Pre-

cedency, which first proceeded from Priority of Birth or of Choice, or Creation among Men of equal Rank or Quality; but in after Ages 'twas given to several Men in Respect of their Honours or of the Eminency of their Offices or Places in the Commonwealth; which Order was observed among the *Jews, Grecians, Romans*, and in most Parts of the more civilized World; among others 'twas settled in England by the Statute of *H. VIII.* which directs the Order of the Nobility, the greater Clergy, and some of the greatest Officers of State; and also by the Patent for the Creation of Barons, and the Decrees made for the Precedency of them and other Dignities; from which Laws and the Customs of England all Men and Women take their Precedency after this Manner.

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- 1 The King and Queen
- 2 The Prince and Princess of Wales
- 3 Dukes and Princesses of the royal Blood, who are the Sons, Brothers, Uncles, and Nephews of the King
- 4 Dutcheses and Princesses of the same royal Blood
- 5 The Vicegerent
- 6 The Archbishop of Canterbury
- 7 The Lord High Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the great Seal
- 8 The Archbishop of York
- 9 The Lord High Treasurer of England
- 10 The Lord President of his Majesty's Privy Council
- 11 The Lord Privy Seal
- 12 Other great Officers of Estate after this Order;
  - 1 The Lord Great Chamberlain of England. 2 The Lord High Constable of England. 3 The Lord High Admiral 4 The Lord Steward of the King's Household. 5 The Lord Chamberlain of the King's Household, being of or above the Degree of Barons precede all other Persons of the same Estate and Degree with them
- 13 Dukes and Dutcheses
- 14 The eldest Sons of Dukes of the royal Blood and their Ladies
- 15 Marquises and Marchionesses
- 16 Dukes' eldest Sons and their Ladies
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- 18 Marquesses' eldest Sons and their Ladies
- 19 Dukes' younger Sons of the royal Blood and their Ladies
- 20 Dukes' younger Sons and their Ladies
- 21 Viscounts and Viscountesses
- 22 Eldest Sons of Earls and their Ladies
- 23 Bishops after this Order: 1 The Lord Bishop of London. 2 The Lord Bishop of Durham. 3 The Lord Bishop of Winchester. And 4 All other Bishops after their Ancients
- 24 Barons and Baronesses
- 25 The King's Chief Secretary, being a Bishop or a Baron, shall precede all others of the same Estate and Degree with him
- 26 Eldest Sons of Viscounts and their Ladies
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- 28 Eldest Sons of Barons and their Ladies
- 29 Knights of the most noble Order of the Garter being under the Degree of Barons
- 30 Knights Bannerets made by the King under his Standard displayed in an Army royal in open War, and their Ladies
- 31 Knights Privy Counsellors
- 32 The Chancellor of the Exchequer
- 33 The Under Treasurer of the Exchequer
- 34 The Chancellor of the Duchy
- 35 The Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench.

- 36 The Master of the Rolls
- 37 The Lord Chief Justice of the Court of the *Common Bench*
- 38 The Lord Chief Baron of the *Exchequer*
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- 41 Knights Bannerets made by the General in the Absence of the King under his Banner in open War, and their Ladies
- 42 Knights of the Bath and their Ladies
- 43 Knights Batchelors and their Ladies
- 44 Serjeants at Law
- 45 Eldest Sons of the younger Sons of those Gentlemen who are of the Degree of, or above, Barons, and their Wives.
- 46 Eldest Sons of Baronets and their Wives
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